From: Hart, Debbi [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=62AFB40F2BF1484D933F2CE207EB20E7-HART, DEBRA]

**Sent**: 7/19/2017 1:39:07 PM

To: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: V/V - request from the COS

#### Thanks!

From: Parker, Gary

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:15 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: V/V - request from the COS

Debbi,

The number of retirement eligible (not inclusive of VERA) is 3,135. This came from a roll up from our targeted positions 7-6-17 excel document sent to OPM/OMB. This should answer bullet #6 below.

R, Gary

Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (O) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 6:59 PM

To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>;

Carpenter, Wesley < Carpenter. Wesley@epa.gov>

Cc: Parker, Gary parker.gary@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V - request from the COS

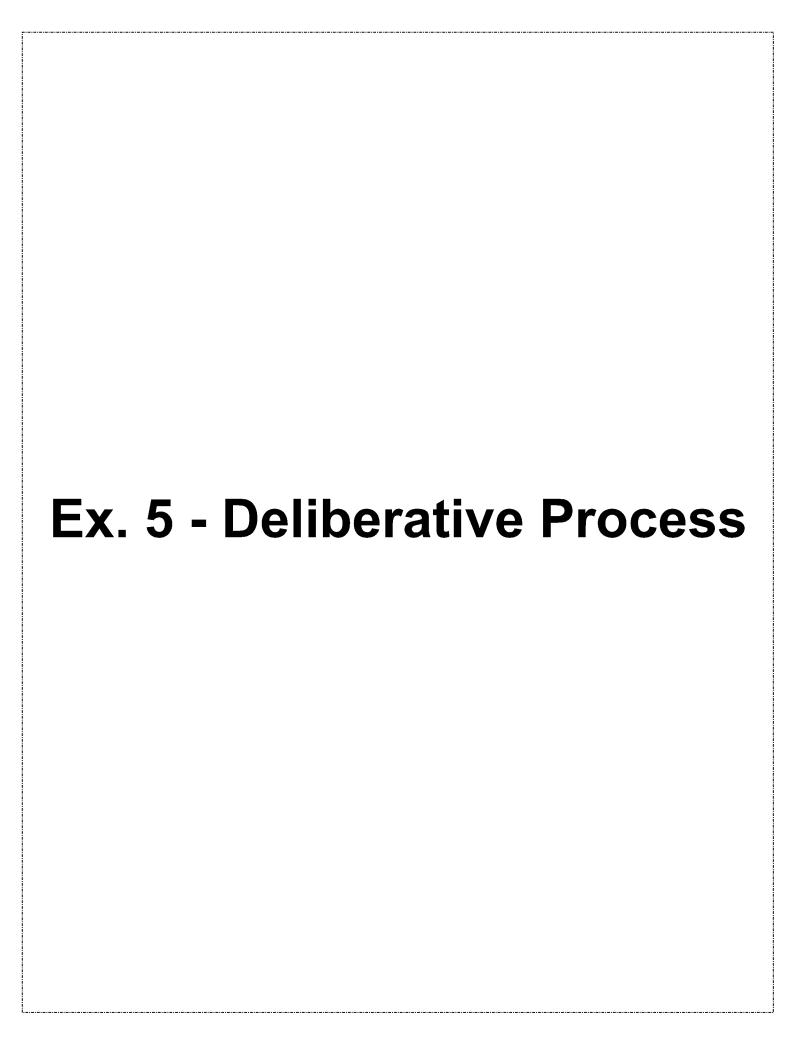
Importance: High

#### Donna, per our conversation

- The draft communication for Mike Flynn was sent in a separate email at 6:14 pm
- ORD "story" sent in a previous email at 5:00 pm.
- You already have ORD and OLEM's business cases.
- · Examples of jobs with grades below
- Comparison of 2014 V/V to 2015 V/V forthcoming
- Number of people eligible to retire (early or optional) in the pool to be sent by PPTD 7/19
- Number of Superfund positions (Remedial Project Managers and On Scene Coordinators broken out by AA-ship/Region) to be sent by PPTD 7/19

#### **Examples of targeted positions**

OCFO wants to:



## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Vizian, Donna

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:37 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >; Gray, Linda < gray.linda@epa.gov >;

Carpenter, Wesley < Carpenter. Wesley@epa.gov >

Cc: Flynn, Mike < Flynn.Mike@epa.gov > Subject: V/V - request from the COS

Hi I just came from Ryan's office. Here is what he is seeking:

- A communication from Mike Flynn to all employees reminding them that the application period is open. Like it to go out tomorrow
- I need the OLEM and ORD business cases
- He would like examples of jobs (in English) and grades in the package. Can we get the number of people eligible to retire in the pool?
- Also need a description of what was in our packages last time around added to the attached. Please do in track changes so he can see it
- Need to tell a story about ORD. Let me know if you have any ideas.

Need ASAP – mid-morning tomorrow the latest. Sorry for the quick turn-around and thanks

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/20/2017 1:41:10 AM

**To**: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: Fwd: VERA VSIP Applications Receiv

Getting close to my estimate-- just sayin'

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Helm, Arron" < Helm.Arron@epa.gov>

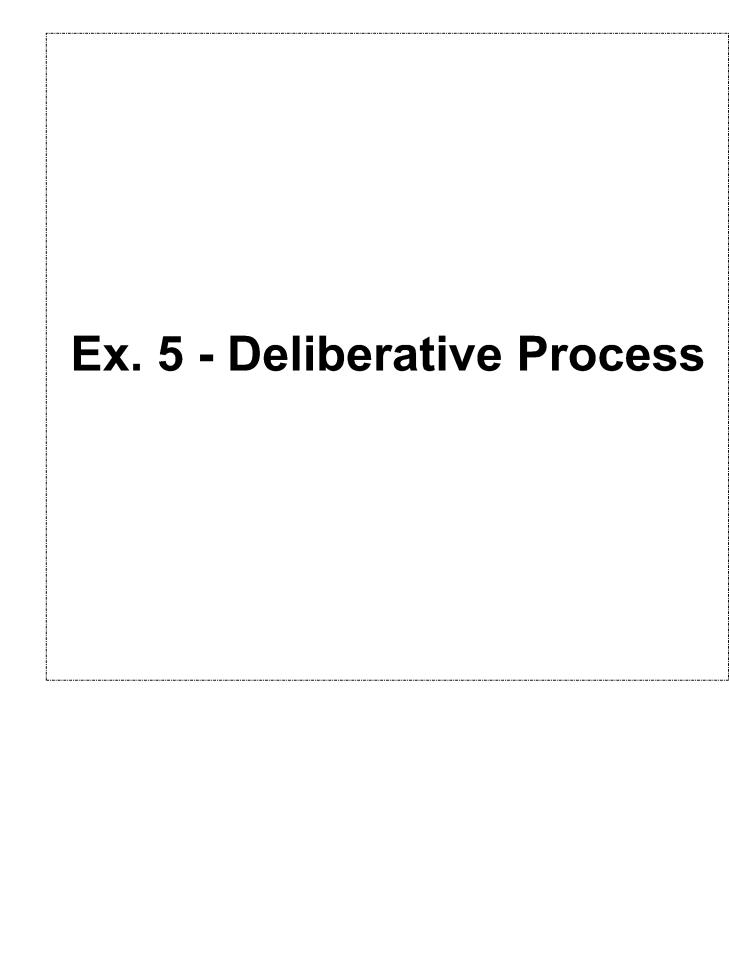
Date: July 19, 2017 at 5:10:40 PM EDT

To: "Vizian, Donna" <\footnote{Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>, "Showman, John" <\footnote{Showman.John@epa.gov>, "Hart,

Debbi" < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >, "Hunt, Loretta" < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >

Subject: Fwd: VERA VSIP Applications Received

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From: Kirkland, William [Kirkland.William@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/27/2017 6:28:41 PM

To: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Martinez, Doris [Martinez.Doris@epa.gov]
CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: FAQ POSTING NEW VERSION

Good Afternoon Gary,

Your requested posting has been completed. Thank you.

William (Bill) Kirkland Kirkland.William@epa.gov Information Technology Division, Office of Human Resources OARM/OHR/ITD

Phone: (202) 564-7533 Room: 1220B WJC East

From: Parker, Gary

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:27 AM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland. William@epa.gov>; Martinez, Doris < Martinez. Doris@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

**Subject: FAQ POSTING NEW VERSION** 

Bill,

An updated version, please disregard my previous message and post this version. Thank you.

R, Gary

Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (O) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099

From: Parker, Gary

**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 7:34 AM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland, William@epa.gov>; Martinez, Doris < Martinez, Doris@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: FAQ POSTING

Bill,

Please post the attached to the early out/buy out page, http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/index.htm

Label it "VERA/VSIP FAQs"

Thank you.

R, Gary Shanahan, Katherine [Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov]

6/29/2017 3:41:57 PM

the business case document I sent you yesterday.

From:

Sent:

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Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]
To:
            RE: V/V
Subject:
Life can be good when we are a TEAM!
----Original Message----
From: Hart, Debbi
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Shanahan, Katherine <Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>
Cc: Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>; Terris, Carol <Terris.Carol@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
Really appreciate EVERYBODY's help on this! Debbi
----Original Message----
From: Shanahan, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>
Cc: Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Terris, Carol
<Terris.Carol@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
On it
Kathie
----Original Message----
From: Hunt, Loretta
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Shanahan, Katherine <Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Terris, Carol
<Terris.Carol@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
The PMO group list is OHR PMO.
Loretta L. Hunt
Branch Chief
Policy and Accountability Branch
Policy, Planning and Training Division
Office of Human Resources
U.S. EPA
Phone: (202) 564-6963
Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov
----Original Message----
From: Terris, Carol
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>
Cc: Shanahan, Katherine <Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov>; Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>;
Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
Yes, we do -- OCFO-SBO and OCFO-Regional Comptroller are the list names.
(I'd ask them to keep close hold)
----Original Message----
From: Hunt, Loretta
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Terris, Carol <Terris.Carol@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>
Cc: Shanahan, Katherine <Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov>; Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
Importance: High
Great. Yes, we should invite the budget leads but we don't know who they are. Do you have a group list?
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OMB mentioned that R10's budget cost estimate chart was a good example to follow. That information is in

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov ----Original Message----From: Terris, Carol Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:51 AM To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> Cc: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov> Subject: Re: V/V Yes it should be possible Let me speak with my folks Do you want to invite the budget leads to join on 2:30 call? Sent from my iPhone > On Jun 29, 2017, at 9:12 AM, Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> wrote: > Carol-- can we pull off having the cost estimate discussion today? Given holiday... > ----Original Message----> From: Shanahan, Katherine
> Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:23 AM > To: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov> > Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> > Subject: V/V > Hi Loretta > I am having a call with HROs today at 2:30. Since R10 is lead region for OARM and their HRO left, I have been helping them fill the role of Lead Region HRO. > Is there anything you would like me to share with the HROs or would you like the opportunity to speak with them. I know many folks are starting vacations this week so timing is tough. In my own office, I have the comptroller and ARA starting vacation and the person in my office who works with me on these packages is also going on leave after today. So if there is anything we can do to be responsive to the V/V issues, I am happy to facilitate that today > Kathie

> Sent from my iPhone

From: Torrez, Alfredo [Torrez.Alfredo@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/5/2017 3:17:31 PM

**To**: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Re: Urgent V/V question

Currently in a meeting- I'll respond by 12:30.

Alfredo Torrez, Associate Director and OW Program Management Official Management and Operations Staff Office of Water U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Office Phone: (202) 564-6621 Mobile Phone: (202) 573-1956

On Jun 5, 2017, at 10:28 AM, Parker, Gary cparker.gary@epa.gov wrote:

Alfredo,

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Y/N).

R, Gary

Mr. Gary Parker
Branch Chief, Workforce Planning
USEPA/OARM/OHR
(O) 202-564-7421
(M) Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Vizian, Donna

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:45 AM

To: Parker, Gary parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi

<<u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** V/V questions

Hi – can you tell me which SL/ST positions OW has targeted? thanks

To: Smith, Susan[Smith.Susan@epa.gov]

Cc: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Parker, Gary

**Sent:** Mon 6/5/2017 2:42:52 PM

**Subject:** RE: V/V questions

Thanks Susan.

Mr. Gary Parker

Branch Chief, Workforce Planning

USEPA/OARM/OHR

(O) 202-564-7421

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From: Smith, Susan

**Sent:** Monday, June 05, 2017 10:42 AM **To:** Parker, Gary parker.gary@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: V/V questions

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By the way, still waiting on the go ahead from my Acting AA to send you the requested revisions that I mentioned on my voice mail last Friday.

Take care!!

### Susan

Susan Smith, Director Organizational Management and Integrity Staff Office of Land and Emergency Management/U.S. EPA 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460 4139 WJC West/MC: 5101T 202-564-6656 (office) Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Cell) 202-566-6324 (fax) Follow OLEM on Twitter @EPALand From: Parker, Gary Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:22 AM To: Smith, Susan < Smith. Susan@epa.gov> Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov > Subject: FW: V/V questions Susan,

Can you provide details such as: job title, occ series, division/branch name and supervisory duties (Y/N) for the SES position you have targeted in your V/V numbers please?

Mr. Gary Parker

Branch Chief, Workforce Planning

#### USEPA/OARM/OHR

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From: Vizian, Donna

**Sent:** Monday, June 05, 2017 9:45 AM

To: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <funt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi

<<u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** V/V questions

Hi – can you tell me which Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process OLEM has targeted? thanks

To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Tue 6/6/2017 9:09:44 PM

Subject: Fwd: Freeze of Targeted V/V Positions

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OY! You may want to speak with her

directly

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Milton, Laura" < Milton. Laura@epa.gov>

Date: June 6, 2017 at 2:56:31 PM EDT

To: "Hart, Debbi" < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >, "Hunt, Loretta" < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >

Subject: FW: Freeze of Targeted V/V Positions

Hi Debbie/Loretta, I'm so glad you love getting questions from us! ;)

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Laura Milton, PMO

Administrative Management Division

OECA/Office of Administration and Policy

US Environmental Protection Agency

Phone: 202-564-6017

milton.laura@epa.gov

From: Starfield, Lawrence

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:59 AM **To:** Milton, Laura < <u>Milton, Laura@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Layne, Kenda <<u>Layne.Kenda@epa.gov</u>>; Badalamente, Mark <<u>Badalamente.Mark@epa.gov</u>>; Miles, Erin <<u>Miles.Erin@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: FW: Freeze of Targeted V/V Positions

FYI. Please share, as appropriate.

From: Vizian, Donna

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:39 AM

To: 2017HQfirstassistants < 2017HQfirstassistants@epa.gov >; 2017Regionfirstassistants

<2017Regionfirstassistants@epa.gov>; ARA <<u>ARA@epa.gov</u>>; DAA-Career

<<u>DAACareer@epa.gov</u>>; DRA <<u>DRA@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Carpenter, Wesley

<<u>Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov</u>>; Gray, Linda <<u>gray.linda@epa.gov</u>>; Hunt, Loretta

< Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Freeze of Targeted V/V Positions

OPM's VERA <u>guidance</u> requires that VERA eligible employees serve in a position for a minimum time specified by OPM (usually 30 days prior to the date of the agency request). Given the current schedule for submitting our V/V business case later this month, please be aware that movement in and out of all targeted positions through reassignments, reorganizations, etc. must cease effective immediately. The prohibition on movement in and out of targeted positions extends to VSIP targeted positions too.

To: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 10:21:46 PM Subject: OECA questions re VERA/VSIP

Thank you again for walking me through some of our questions this morning. I am sure that we'll have many more! Mark and I are hoping to talk to you in the morning about an overarching approach though. As we mentioned in the initial submission, **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process** 

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I guess my threshold question is:

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Do you have any other ideas???

I think we can cleanly manage this on the back end.

Sent from my Windows Phone

To: Breneman, Sara[breneman.sara@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt,

Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Cc: Sanders, Amy[Sanders.Amy@epa.gov]

From: Breneman, Sara

**Sent:** Wed 6/21/2017 1:42:44 AM

Subject: RE: Possible correction to the R5 V/V package

R5 VV Business Case.6-21-17.docx

Debbi and Loretta,

If it is possible to correct Region 5's package, here is a complete corrected submittal of the business case write-up. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do.

Thanks, Sara

----Original Message----

From: Breneman, Sara [mailto:breneman.sara@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:13 PM

To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Cc: Sanders, Amy <Sanders.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Possible correction to the R5 V/V package

Debbi and Loretta,

I hate to do this to you, but one of our Division Directors caught a last minute typo in his Division's section of the write-up that unfortunately is substantive.

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The spreadsheet has it correct and this doesn't effect our overall number. Is there anything that can be done about it at this point? I don't know how you plan to roll this out to staff, and which is the overriding document.

Again, I am so sorry to be creating a last minute problem. Please let me know if you think there is a chance it could be corrected.

Thanks, Sara 312-886-0243 To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

From: Shanahan, Katherine Sent: Tue 5/9/2017 3:58:51 PM

Subject: FW: Revised V/V Spreadsheet - example

R5 Targeted Positions Example (003).xlsx

Hi Debbie and Loretta

The HRO's certainly appreciate your patience as we raise our concerns and questions about the preparation of our V/V package. The overarching concern is how do we adequately represent the individualized need of each of our Regions in how we want to advertise the V/V opportunity.

Understanding that there is some difference in terminology between regions, for purposes of this message I will think about it in terms series and grades open to all in the region, series and grade open to the first sub-level (divisions or offices) and series and grades open to the 2<sup>nd</sup> sub-level reporting unit (sections or units).

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I just wanted to provide you some background sense of the conversations that are going on and what you might hear on the call

**KAthie** 

From: Westenberger, Andrea

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:06 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Shanahan, Katherine <Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: Revised V/V Spreadsheet - example

Importance: High

Please reply to this thread, not the original I sent. I included Danielle Shannon instead of Katherine Shanahan.

Thanks,

Andrea

#### Andrea Westenberger

Lead Region Coordinator for OCFO & OARM

Regional Planner | Strategic Planning | EPA Region 10

1200 Sixth Avenue, OMP 21-I01

Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 553-6111 (office)

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westenberger.andrea@epa.gov

From: Westenberger, Andrea

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 8:04 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov >

Cc: Breneman, Sara < breneman.sara@epa.gov>; Shannon, Danielle

<shannon.danielle@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov> **Subject:** Revised V/V Spreadsheet - example Hi Loretta & Debbi, Attached is a revised V/V using a Region 5 example (created by Sara Breneman). The red numbers are what OARM provided and would not be changed. It includes new rows to breakdown targeted positions as well as cells with subtotals. There are three organizational structure columns that can be used (or not) depending on the level of detail used by each region. How does this look? Red = original info provided by OARM (not to be changed) **Bold** = subtotals (using formulas) Thanks, Andrea Andrea Westenberger Lead Region Coordinator for OCFO & OARM Regional Planner | Strategic Planning | EPA Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, OMP 21-I01 Seattle, WA 98101

westenberger.andrea@epa.gov

(206) 553-6111 (office)

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From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 3/1/2017 7:23:35 PM

To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Helm, Arron [Helm.Arron@epa.gov]

Subject: Comparison Chart
Attachments: V-V and RIF Chart.docx

Donna, per your conversation with Debbi.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

### Early Retirement, Buyouts and Reductions-In-Force Comparison

	Voluntary Early Retirement (Early Out)	Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments (Buyout)	Reductions-In-Force
Summary	<ul> <li>Allows an agency undergoing restructuring or downsizing to temporarily lower the age and service requirements in order to increase the number of employees who are eligible for retirement.</li> <li>Acceptance of early retirement is voluntary.</li> <li>Agency must prepare a business case with targeted positions.</li> <li>OPM must approve.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allows an agency that is downsizing or restructuring to offer employees lump-sum payments up to \$25,000 as an incentive to separate.</li> <li>Acceptance of buyout is voluntary.</li> <li>Agency must prepare a business case with targeted positions.</li> <li>OPM and OMB must approve.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When an agency must abolish positions, RIF regulations determine whether an employee keeps his or her present position, has a right to a different position or must be separated.</li> <li>RIF actions are involuntary.</li> <li>Agency must prepare a business case with targeted positions.</li> <li>Agency must adhere to the procedures and regulations in 5 CFR 351 when conducting a RIF.</li> <li>OPM approval is not required but it does retain the authority to examine any part of the agency's RIF process and may take corrective actions if violations are found.</li> </ul>
Benefits	<ul> <li>Encourages voluntary attrition.</li> <li>Can be used in conjunction with VSIP.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Encourages voluntary attrition.</li> <li>Can be used in conjunction with VERA.</li> </ul>	Allows the agency to abolish non-mission critical positions.
Consequences	Enough eligible employees     may not take early out.	<ul> <li>Enough eligible employees may not take the buyout.</li> <li>OMB may require the agency to demonstrate how the buyout will be budget neutral (i.e., will not result in any increased costs above current or future FY</li> </ul>	Agency would need to prepare extensively to conduct a RIF (information required for determining levels and subgroups must be up-to-date and validated).

	Voluntary Early Retirement (Early Out)	Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments (Buyout)	Reductions-In-Force
		appropriations to pay for costs incurred from the buy-out).	<ul> <li>There are regulatory timeframes for identifying competitive areas and employee notification.</li> <li>Results can be unpredictable because some employees (e.g., higher tenure group or veterans) have bump and retreat rights (i.e., displacing someone in a lower group).</li> <li>Employees who are separated or downgraded due to RIF have the right to appeal the Merit Systems Protection Board if the employee believes the agency did not properly follow RIF regulations.</li> </ul>
Costs	<ul> <li>Annual leave payouts.</li> <li>OPM VERA processing fees.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Incentive payments up to \$25,000 per employee.</li> <li>Annual leave payouts.</li> <li>OPM VSIP processing fees.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Possible severance of up to a year's pay.</li> <li>Annual leave payouts.</li> <li>Some former employees will be eligible for unemployment benefits.</li> </ul>

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 3/28/2017 4:27:07 PM

To: Cooper, Marian [Cooper.Marian@epa.gov]
CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Fw: Workforce Reshaping VERA VSIP March 2017.docx **Attachments**: Workforce Reshaping VERA VSIP March 2017.docx

Marian-

We added Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Does that give you what you need?

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:07 PM

To: Hart, Debbi

Subject: Re: Workforce Reshaping VERA VSIP March 2017.docx

Please see my edits.

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 10:02:40 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta

Subject: Fw: Workforce Reshaping VERA VSIP March 2017.docx

Donna would like us to define VERA and VSIP

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Can you assist? Will call to clarify.

From: Cooper, Marian

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:40 AM

To: Hart, Debbi

Subject: Workforce Reshaping VERA VSIP March 2017.docx

From: Smith, Susan [Smith.Susan@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/18/2017 10:15:29 PM

To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: Re: OLEM V/V

Assuming you are talking about max offers. See below:

ORCR - Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Let me know if you need anything else.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 18, 2017, at 5:35 PM, Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Susan,

Can you tell me the break out between SF and RCRA? Thanks

From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 3/20/2017 3:26:52 PM

To: Helm, Arron [Helm.Arron@epa.gov]
CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]
Subject: Workforce Reshaping Question

Arron,

Donna has asked questions about competitive areas as per the current RIF policy and regulation.

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Thus, according to the policy the agency's competitive areas are:

- Each AA-ship
- Each RA-ship
- GC
- IG
- CFO
- AO
- RTP
- Field offices (labs)
- Regional Counsels who report to GC at HQ

In re: to field offices, they may constitute multiple "competitive areas" if part of the installation reports to the RA and another reports to OAR or ORD (or any other program office that constitutes administration).

Based on the "separate administration within the local commuting area" clause, I don't think the agency could designate anything smaller than the sub-field offices/Regional Counsel competitive areas.

Thoughts, corrections?

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Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 3/20/2017 2:24:35 PM

**To**: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Policy question

I would need to hear what she considers a smaller unit. The regs require competitive area determinations based on the agency's geographical locations and established organizational units.

OPM guidance on RIF competitive areas (starts on pg. 29) states:

An agency may not define a competitive area on the basis of other considerations (such as bargaining unit membership, grade, occupation, etc.).

The same competitive area standard applies to both headquarters and field activities:

- A minimum headquarters or field activity competitive area is any organizational unit under separate administration (which is explained below) within the local commuting area.
- The agency uses the same general minimum standard of separate administration within the local commuting area to establish competitive areas for both headquarters and field components.

If two or more field activities are grouped at the same field installation, but are organizationally independent and separate from each other in operation, work function, staff, and personnel management, each activity may properly be designated a competitive area.

Separate Administrative Management Authority in Competitive Area Determinations. As used for purposes of establishing a minimum competitive area, "separate administration":

- 1. Is the administrative authority to take or direct personnel actions (including the authority to establish positions, abolish positions, assign duties, etc.) rather than the issuance or processing of the documents by which these decisions are effected;
- 2. Means that the organizational unit is separately organized and clearly distinguished from other organizational units within the same local commuting area in regard to operation, work function, staff, and personnel management;
- 3. Recognizes that individual organizational components may be under separate administration even though many agencies reserve final approval of certain personnel actions to a higher level in the agency (including classification of positions, filling of higher-graded positions, processing of personnel actions, etc.); and
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The fact that the same personnel office services several activities does not constitute "separate administration" and does not, of itself, require that they be placed in the same competitive area. The personnel office merely processes personnel actions rather than having final responsibility to make decisions on whether to establish positions, abolish positions, assign duties, etc

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Subject: FW: Policy question

I agree - thoughts?

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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:36 AM To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

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Subject: Policy question



From: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/18/2017 9:35:54 PM

**To**: Smith, Susan [Smith.Susan@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: OLEM V/V

Hi Susan,

Can you tell me the break out between SF and RCRA? Thanks

From: Dean, StevenB [Dean.StevenB@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/18/2017 3:35:31 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Regional Input - Question - Training (OHR FY2017 Assurance Letter Submission)

No one is acting....I am able to respond and take calls if necessary. If I were actually a participant in the class, I would have designated an acting.

#### Steven

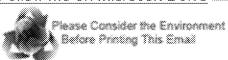
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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:14 AM

To: Dean, StevenB < Dean.StevenB@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Regional Input - Question - Training (OHR FY2017 Assurance Letter Submission)

Who is acting for you? Or no acting maybe?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:10 AM

To: Smith-Starckey, Tracye <Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Hembrey, Cheri < Hembrey. Cheri@epa.gov>; Womack, Sandy < Womack. Sandy@epa.gov> Subject: RE: Regional Input - Question - Training (OHR FY2017 Assurance Letter Submission)

Tracye / Debbi,

I would say:

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**Tracye Smith-Starckey USEPA** Office of Human Resources **Program Management Staff** Office Phone: (202) 566-0121 EPA IPhone: (202) 406-0983

Email: Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov

From: Womack, Sandy

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 6:04 PM

To: Smith-Starckey, Tracye <Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov>; Hembrey, Cheri <Hembrey.Cheri@epa.gov>

Cc: Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>

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**OHR RESPONSE:** 

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Subject: Policy question

GM. I was reading the RIF policy last night. It states that the competing areas as defined in the policy are the smallest allowed per OPM guidance. Is this still true? Could you get me the answer beget 10 on Monday? Thanks much

From: Torrez, Alfredo [Torrez.Alfredo@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/17/2017 9:12:12 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Jimenez, Elaine

[Jimenez.Elaine@epa.gov]

**CC**: Vicki Simons - M1X-Detailee [vicki.simons@gsa.gov]

Subject: FW: Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority Opportunities

Do you all know if the link to the online application form is accessible outside of the agency's system? If so, who can help? If not, is there a workaround? Vicki Simons is an OW employee on detail to GSA as part of the White House Leadership Development Program.

Thanks,

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Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:50 PM

To: robert.stevens@epa.gov; Torrez, Alfredo <Torrez.Alfredo@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority Opportunities

Hello,

The link on the memo does not work from gsa. Do you know how I can access the site outside of EPA?

### Fight Anderson Smoots Esq.

Executive Director, Core Federal Services Council

White House Leadership Development Program Fellow

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 1:05 PM, Shapiro, Mike < Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov > wrote:

#### **MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority Opportunities

FROM: Michael H. Shapiro

Acting Assistant Administrator

TO: Employees in Targeted Positions in the Office of Water

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget have approved our request to offer Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (buy-out) and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (early-out) opportunities. As our organization explores various workforce planning efforts, we want to take advantage of these and other flexibilities and tools to help ensure that our workforce possesses the mix of skills most appropriate for carrying out our mission. This decision was not made lightly; we value our dedicated employees and appreciate the work you perform on behalf of the American people.

In accordance with statute and regulations, we identified the specific grades, occupational series, and geographic locations designated for VERA and VSIP for OPM and OMB, and have received their approval for the categories identified in Attachment A. The maximum number of VSIPs offered will be 30. If the number of applications received exceeds the maximum number of VSIPs we can offer under one of the categories identified in Attachment A, approvals will be based first on service computation date for leave and then on entry on duty date (total EPA years of service). If the SCD and EOD dates are the same for two eligible employees, then the offer will be granted to the employee who submitted his or her application first. Attachment A also shows the maximum number of VSIP offers that will be approved by organization, grade, occupational series, and geographic location, as applicable.

You can find basic eligibility criteria for VSIPs and VERAs in Attachment B. The HR SSC in Las Vegas can provide you with more information regarding your benefits and retirement, and can assist you with obtaining a retirement annuity estimate. Attachment C provides a list of your Executive Resources Division contacts.

If you decide to apply, you should do so early in the application period, which opens today, July 13, 2017 and closes at 11:59 p.m. Eastern standard time on July 26, 2017. Applications submitted between 12:00 a.m. EST, July 13, 2017 and 11:59 p.m. EST, July 26, 2017, will be accepted on a first come, first served basis if the number of applications does not exceed the maximum VERA/VSIP offers available.

Applications will only be accepted during this period using the <u>online application system</u> . Specific instructions on how and when to apply are in Attachment D. If your application is approved and you decide to proceed with VERA and/or VSIP, you must depart during the separation window which ends on September 2, 2017.
The decision to take advantage of a VERA or VSIP is <u>entirely voluntary</u> . This is a very personal decision. No one will be pressured to submit an application, and no one is required to accept an offer. You are urged to carefully consider the information provided and your personal situation prior to making a decision.
We will continue to provide anyone considering this decision with useful information and expert contacts. We plan to use all flexibilities and tools available to help the Office of Water most effectively support both individual employees as well as the agency's strategic mission.
Thank you.
Attachments

From: Helm, Arron [Helm.Arron@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/17/2017 8:08:09 PM

To: Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Carter, Rick

[Carter.Rick@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: VERA VSIP Applications Received

From: Martinson, Alice

**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 4:02 PM

To: Helm, Arron < helm.arron@epa.gov>; Collins, BJ < Collins, BJ @epa.gov>; Carter, Rick < Carter, Rick @epa.gov>;

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<Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth <Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>

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~ Alice

Alice Martinson

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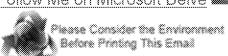
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To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: Quick question re: VERA/VSIP

Feel free to tell the HRO/PMO community

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:21 AM

To: Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Quick question re: VERA/VSIP

Do we need to communicate that our V/V package is posted?

From: Monroe, Scott

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:14 PM
To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >
Subject: Quick question re: VERA/VSIP

Hi Debbi,

I saw that OARM posted the V/V proposal and spreadsheet on the intranet. Is there any reason why OAR shouldn't let employees know that it's there? I think that our Acting AA would like to do so.

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**Sent**: 3/16/2017 10:33:58 PM

**To**: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Documents

Attachments: VERA\_VSIP-Executive\_Overview.docx; OPM-OMB VERA VSIP Lessons Learned Oct 2014.docx; VERA VSIP Process July

2013.docx

#### Per our discussion

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### EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW Early-Outs/Buy-Outs

(Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment)

#### Discussion

What is the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment authority and how do they work?

#### Background

Early-Out or Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) allows agencies that are undergoing substantial restructuring, reshaping, downsizing, transfer of function, or reorganization to temporarily lower the age and service requirements in order to increase the number of employees who are eligible for retirement. The authority encourages more voluntary separations and helps the agency complete the needed organizational change with minimal disruption to the work force. By offering these short term opportunities, an agency can make it possible for employees to receive an immediate annuity years before they would otherwise be eligible.

Buy-Out or Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VSIP) Authority allows agencies that are downsizing or restructuring to offer employees lump-sum payments up to \$25,000 as an incentive to voluntarily separate. An agency may offer VSIP to employees who are in surplus positions or have skills that are no longer needed in the workforce who volunteer to separate by resignation, optional retirement, or by voluntary early retirement. By allowing employees to volunteer to leave the Government, agencies can minimize or avoid involuntary separations through the use of costly and disruptive reductions in force (RIFs). Buy-outs must be budget neutral.

OPM approval is required for an agency to offer early-outs or buy-outs. Agencies must submit a business case that outlines their plans. OPM approval generally takes 4-6 weeks and will stipulate a period of time during which the agency can offer early outs or buy-outs.

The agency's business case includes:

- · Background history and justification for request
- Before and after organizational charts, as applicable
- Time period the incentives are available
- Data on the targeted population
- Anticipated budget impact
- Anticipated employee interest
- The maximum number of buy-outs to be offered
- Information about how the organization will operate without the eliminated or restructured positions and functions.

#### Employee Coverage

#### **VERA**

Upon approval, an employee who meets the general eligibility requirements may be eligible to retire early. The employee must:

1. Meet the minimum age and service requirements –

- At least age 50 with at least 20 years creditable Federal service, OR
- Any age with at least 25 years creditable Federal service
- 2. Have served in a position covered by the OPM authorization for the minimum time specified by OPM (usually 30 days prior to the date of the agency request)
- 3. Serve in a position covered by the agency's plan (i.e. title, series, grade, geographic location, etc.) and
- 4. Separate by the close of the early-out period.

[Note: CSRS covered staff who take an early out will have their annuity reduced by 2% for every year they are under age 55. This reduction does not apply to FERS employees.]

Effect on subsequent employment:

Non-Federal: An annuitant is not subject to any restrictions regarding their annuity except that retirees covered under FERS who qualify for the annuity supplement could have the supplement reduced or discontinued due to an earnings limitation.

Federal: Employees are considered *reemployed annuitants*. The federal salary will be offset by the annuity amount unless the reemployed annuitant is granted a waiver by OPM or through the agency's delegated dual compensation waiver authority.

#### **VSIP**

When an agency has received approval from OPM to offer buy-outs, any employee who meets these general eligibility requirements may receive an offer. The employee must:

- 1. Be serving in an appointment without time limit
- 2. Be currently employed by the Executive Branch of the Federal Government for a continuous period of at least 3 years
- 3. Be serving in a position covered by an agency VSIP plan (i.e., in the specific geographic area, organization, series and grade)
- 4. Apply for and receive approval for a VSIP from the agency making the VSIP offer and
- 5. Not be included in any of the ineligibility categories listed below.

Employees in the following categories are not eligible for buy-outs. Employees who:

- 1. Are reemployed annuitants
- 2. Have a disability such that the individual is or would be eligible for disability retirement
- 3. Have received a decision notice of involuntary separation for misconduct or poor performance
- 4. Previously received any buy-out from the Federal Government
- 5. During the 36-month period preceding the date of separation, performed service for which a student loan repayment benefit was paid, or is to be paid
- 6. During the 24-month period preceding the date of separation, performed service for which a recruitment or relocation incentive was paid, or is to be paid and
- 7. During the 12-month period preceding the date of separation, performed service for which a retention incentive was paid, or is to be paid.

Effect on subsequent employment:

VSIP recipients who return to federal employment within 5 years of the date of the separation, including work under a personal services contract or other direct contract, must repay the entire amount of the VSIP to the agency that paid it - before the individual's first day of reemployment. OPM may waive the repayment at an agency's request under limited circumstances (i.e., employee is uniquely qualified/skilled or in an emergency when there is direct threat to life or property).

From: Smith-Starckey, Tracye [Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/18/2017 1:48:18 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Dean, StevenB [Dean.StevenB@epa.gov]

CC: Hembrey, Cheri [Hembrey.Cheri@epa.gov]; Womack, Sandy [Womack.Sandy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Regional Input - Question - Training (OHR FY2017 Assurance Letter Submission)

Good Morning Debbi and Steven,

Sandy Womack is in the process of reviewing our FY2017 assurance letter submission and reaching out with some clarification questions. Please see her comments below and respond to his email ASAP using reply all. Thanks

Tracye Smith-Starckey
USEPA
Office of Human Resources
Program Management Staff
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EPA IPhone: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Email: Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov

From: Womack, Sandy

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 6:04 PM

To: Smith-Starckey, Tracye < Smith-Starckey. Tracye@epa.gov>; Hembrey, Cheri < Hembrey. Cheri@epa.gov>

Cc: Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>

Subject: Regional Input - Question - Training

Hi Tracye and Cheri,

Not sure if this is also Bisa's area, in case it is, I've copied her on this request.

For the OHR regional response, please clarify or direct me to the OHR response that addresses "the need to ensure staff receive quality and regular training....".

If you determine the OHR response did not address this concern, please provide a couple of sentences to address the regional concern and/or let me know if OHR intend on providing a response.

I need at your earliest! Thanks!

#### 2. Support the Workforce through Training, Strategic Hiring & Succession Management: OARM

As OARM identified in the FY16 Assurance Memo, supporting our workforce continues to be a growing challenge. Given the recent restructuring, reshaping, and VERA/VSIP efforts, training for existing staff and for those that may be in new/reshaped areas is a growing priority. New initiatives such as the Remedial Acquisition Framework and IT tools, and the ongoing requirements to effectively manage resources/funds through budget execution, further illustrate a continued need to ensure staff receive quality and regular training to effectively meet the agency's mission.

In addition to training, the agency should re-evaluate our hiring and succession planning strategy to ensure that we are well positioned to fill critical positions (such as in the IT series), which could include offering

competitive salaries to attract highly qualified candidates. Without this, our agency will risk having mission critical positions go unfilled or at minimum, lengthy periods of position vacancy.

OHR RESPONSE:

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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**Sent**: 7/14/2017 11:35:50 PM

To: Helm, Arron [Helm.Arron@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: VERA VSIP Applications Received

Thanks Arron—have a fab weekend!

Debbi Hart
Director
Policy, Planning & Training Division
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202.564.2011
hart.debbi@epa.gov

From: Helm, Arron

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:21 PM

**To:** Vizian, Donna < Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John < Showman.John@epa.gov>; Carter, Rick < Carter.Rick@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: VERA VSIP Applications Received

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Martinson, Alice" < Martinson. Alice@epa.gov>

Date: July 14, 2017 at 4:17:58 PM EDT

To: "Helm, Arron" < <a href="Helm.Arron@epa.gov">Helm.Arron@epa.gov</a>, "Collins, BJ" < <a href="Collins.BJ@epa.gov">Collins.BJ@epa.gov</a>, "Carter, Rick" < <a href="Carter.Rick@epa.gov">Carter.Rick@epa.gov</a>, "Atkinson, Ryan" < <a href="Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov">Atkinson, Ryan@epa.gov</a>, "Taylor, Jeremy" < <a href="Taylor Jeremy@epa.gov">Taylor Jeremy@epa.gov</a>, "Bonner, Jerome" < <a href="Ronner-Jerome@epa.gov">Ronner-Jerome@epa.gov</a>, "Engebretson, Lizabeth"

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Cc: "Mairose, Sue" < Mairose.Sue@epa.gov >, "Davis, Cathy" < Davis.Cathy@epa.gov >, "Jimenez, Elaine" < Jimenez.Elaine@epa.gov >, "Ashley, Cheryl" < Ashley.Cheryl@epa.gov >, "Scribben, Alison" < scribben.alison@epa.gov >

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**Sent**: 7/14/2017 10:30:54 PM

To: Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: VERA VSIP Applications Received

Thank you! Hope you have a great weekend. D

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Sent: 8/3/2017 6:30:53 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

Ok- let me know your plan

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Thursday, August 03, 2017 2:30 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi <hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

No.

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From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt, Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

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You were beced.

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Subject: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

So details into restructured positions?

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 1:57 PM

To: Bonner, Jerome <Bonner Jerome@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>; Schulman, Marvin < Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth

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Coomber, Robert < coomber robert@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

Not yet. We'll follow-up with senior management.

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Subject: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

Debbi/Loretta

Any decision on allowing temp promotion or details Ex. 5-Deliberative Process to targeted position vacated via V/V?

Jerome W. Bonner

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Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 1:51 PM

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Liz-

We haven't heard back from OPM so we elevated. We'll let you guys know as soon as we hear anything. debbi

From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

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To: Taylor, Jeremy <a href="Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov">Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov">Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov</a>; Hunt, Loretta <a href="Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov">Hunt, Loretta@epa.gov</a>; Atkinson, Ryan@epa.gov</a>; Bonner, Jerome <a href="Bonner Jerome@epa.gov">Bonner, Jerome@epa.gov</a>; Peabody, Hitch <a href="Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov">Peabody, Hitch@epa.gov</a>; Cunningham, Bisa <a href="Bisa@epa.gov">Cunningham, Bisa@epa.gov</a>; Coomber, Robert <a href="Toomber: Toomber: Toomber

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Subject: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

I don't have a need – Unless there is news from OPM on the agency request that went forward...

Regards,

Liz

From: Taylor, Jeremy

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 10:46 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta <a href="https://example.com/html/loretta@epa.gov">https://example.com/html/loretta@epa.gov</a>; Engebretson, Lizabeth@epa.gov</a>; Atkinson, Ryan@epa.gov</a>; Bonner, Jerome <a href="https://example.com/html/loretta@epa.gov">https://example.com/html/loretta@epa.gov</a>; Coomber, Robert <a href="https://example.com/html/loretta@epa

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I'm good if no one else has anything.

Jeremy A. Taylor OARM-RTP-HRMD Director 919-541-0537

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So details into restructured positions?

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Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 1:57 PM

To: Bonner, Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

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Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Bonner, Jerome

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 1:52 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >

Cc: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth

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Sent: 8/3/2017 6:18:20 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

Oh-LOL!! Sorry Loretta. Why was Bisa CC'd?

From: Hunt, Loretta

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Subject: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

You were beced.

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Thanks. Please be sure to copy me on stuff like that!

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Subject: RE: Do we need to have a V/V mtg at 3 pm today?

See attached. We need to discuss with Donna and John.

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#### Appointment

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**Sent**: 6/22/2017 5:12:18 PM

**To**: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: VERA/VSIP Planning and Updates

Location: Teleconference

**Start**: 6/15/2017 7:00:00 PM **End**: 6/15/2017 8:00:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: Weekly

every Thursday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:20 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta; Bonner, Jerome; Engebretson, Lizabeth; Taylor, Jeremy; Cunningham, Bisa; Hart, Debbi; Corbett,

Krysti; Coomber, Robert; Schulman, Marvin; McNeal, Detha

Cc: Mairose, Sue; Davis, Cathy; Jimenez, Elaine; Brown, Rohn; Atkinson, Ryan

Subject: VERA/VSIP Planning and Updates

When: Occurs every Thursday effective 6/15/2017 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Teleconference

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(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=62AFB40F2BF1484D933F2CE207EB20E7-HART, DEBRA]

**Sent**: 8/1/2017 6:48:57 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: VERA VSIP updated list

Thx.

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 01, 2017 2:40 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: VERA VSIP updated list

See attached

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Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: <u>hunt.loretta@epa.gov</u>

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 01, 2017 2:36 PM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** FW: VERA VSIP updated list

Hey—Can you please send me whatever you sent to Carol? I feel sort of foolish--I only answered her bc I couldn't see that anyone had responded.

From: Terris, Carol

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 7:28 PM To: Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>

Cc: Collins, BJ < Collins.BJ@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >

Subject: Re: VERA VSIP updated list

Thanks Debbi - Loretta coordinated and we received it

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2017, at 7:20 PM, Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov> wrote:

Carol- I think BJ provided the earlier version and hopefully can update. D

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2017, at 11:54 AM, Terris, Carol < Terris. Carol@epa.gov > wrote:

HI again Debbi,

Checking in on the final list of VERA VSIP applicants – if your folks can send it to me, we will split out/password protect so budget can finish the funding needs calculations

Many thanks!

From:

Sent:

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To:
             Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
             Re: The V/V call
Subject:
Self preservation I do not want to be doing this July 4th!!
Sent from my iPhone
> On Jun 29, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov> wrote:
  Kathie, thanks again for your help with herding the cats. We really appreciate it.
> Loretta L. Hunt
> Branch Chief
> Policy and Accountability Branch
> Policy, Planning and Training Division
> Office of Human Resources
> U.S. EPA
> Phone: (202) 564-6963
> Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov
> ----Original Message----
> From: Shanahan, Katherine
> Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 4:48 PM
> To: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>
> Cc: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>
> Subject: The V/V call
> Hi Deb
> I think the call went well, but then I only had a couple of little tweaks so life seemed ok to me.
  Janet is going to summarize the key points from the call and OCFO agreed to do a little spread sheet
with certain factors, like inflation rate, built in so everyone is confident they are being consistent.
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Shanahan, Katherine [Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov]

6/29/2017 9:06:00 PM

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

> Karhie

> Sent from my iPhone

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/15/2017 8:33:22 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: VERA-VSIP Announcement 0601417.docx

Attachments: VERA-VSIP AnnouncementFlynnJune 19 2017.docx

Importance: High

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From: Cooper, Marian

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 4:54 PM

To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Corbett, Krysti <Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>; Coomber, Robert

<coomber.robert@epa.gov>

Subject: VERA-VSIP Announcement 0601417.docx

Comments. Drafted to come from Mike but not sure who will send this out.

To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Burrows, Eileen

**Sent:** Mon 8/7/2017 5:05:05 PM **Subject:** RE: VERA/VSIP Request

Hi Loretta,

I appreciate your getting back to me quickly.

Eileen

Eileen Burrows Deputy Human Resources Officer

EPA Region 3, Human Resources Management Branch, OP&M (3PM40)

Phone: (215) 814-5327

burrows.eileen@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 12:07 PM

To: Burrows, Eileen <BURROWS.EILEEN@EPA.GOV>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >; Schulman,

Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: VERA/VSIP Request

Eileen,

We're still waiting to hear back from OPM on the allocation flexibility. If OPM approves, this will only allow programs and offices to shift offers to undersubscribed subcomponents/series that were already identified in their business case/template. No new positions may be added.

The addition of a position to the region's eligibility pool would require additional review by OPM and OMB. This will take time that we probably don't have in regards to the V/V schedule.

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From: Burrows, Eileen

**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 5:25 PM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

Cc: Esher, Diana < Esher. Diana@epa.gov >; Krakowiak, John < Krakowiak. John@epa.gov >;

Schulman, Marvin < Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov >; McManus, Catharine

<a href="mailto:subject: VERA/VSIP Request">mcmanus.catharine@epa.gov</a>>
<a href="mailto:subject: VERA/VSIP Request">Subject: VERA/VSIP Request</a>

Hi Loretta,

We understand that your office has asked OPM to grant additional VERA/VSIP slots for positions that were either oversubscribed or not originally targeted since EPA has not exceeded our overall allotment. We have a few wait-listed in Region 3 and are anxious to learn if OPM will be granting this request.

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Thanks for considering this request and please let me know if you need further information.

Eileen

Eileen Burrows Deputy Human Resources Officer

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burrows.eileen@epa.gov

From: Martinson, Alice

**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 3:38 PM

To: McManus, Catharine < mcmanus.catharine@epa.gov >; Burrows, Eileen

<BURROWS.EILEEN@EPA.GOV>

Cc: Burt, Cynthia < Burt. Cynthia@epa.gov >; Davis, Cathy < Davis. Cathy@epa.gov >; Atkinson,

Ryan <<u>Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov</u>>; Taylor, Jeremy <<u>Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** Please confirm VERA VSIP Applicant Status by COB Monday

Kate and Eileen,

Attached is a list of your VERA VSIP applicants with eligibility status as confirmed by the RTP-SSC.

We have included employees who have been determined as Eligible and Ineligible based on your VERA VSIP Plan. We have also listed those who are currently on the Wait List due to the max offers listed in the V/V plan for their targeted position.

Please review this list and confirm that it accurately reflects the positions targeted in your VERA VSIP plan and 2) that the employees are eligible to take a VERA VSIP (i.e., they have not been issued a removal action or have a disability action pending).

Please respond no later than COB Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, so we can proceed with the notification to our applicants.

Thank you,

~ Alice

Alice Martinson

Acting Section Chief, RTP-SSC

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**Sent**: 7/6/2017 7:10:15 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: updated schedule--

Attachments: SSC Schedule V-V July6 2017 .docx

Importance: High

Our piece in highlights. Let me know if clear.

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CC: Engebretson, Lizabeth [Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: VERA/VSIP Templates

Attachments: Final Approved VERA-VSIP Announcement LVSSC.docx; Final Approved VERA VISP Application Submission Reminder

Notice LVSSC.docx

Importance: High

FYI--This is the final version that Liz found. We will use this version as we move forward.

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From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 4:18 PM To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>; Corbett, Krysti < Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>; Coomber, Robert < coomber.robert@epa.gov>; Peabody, Hitch < Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov>; Brown, Rohn < brown.rohn@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>; Burt, Cynthia < Burt.Cynthia@epa.gov>; Thomas, Cheryl < Thomas.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Bonner, Jerome < Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>; Taylor, Jeremy < Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Atkinson, Ryan < Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov>; Jimenez, Elaine < Jimenez.Elaine@epa.gov>;

Mairose, Sue < Mairose. Sue@epa.gov>; Davis, Cathy < Davis. Cathy@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: VERA/VSIP Templates

Importance: High

Debbi,

As promised, here is the transmission with the "Final" templates that were transmitted by the SSC Directors in 2014. I believe these templates had been in draft with OHR in 2014, and ultimately "final". Of course, all subject to improvement for V/V 2017.

Regards,

Liz

From: Engebretson, Lizabeth J.

Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 1:45 PM

To: Stevens, Robert; Torrez, Alfredo; COYLE, BRIDGET; Zurey, Ed; Monroe, Scott

Cc: Mondragon, John; Jimenez, Elaine; Ponich, Crystal; Lucero, Anthony

**Subject:** VERA/VSIP Templates

Importance: High

Greetings Bridget, Ed, Robert, Alfredo, Scott!

As SSC-Las Vegas Customer PMO/RHROs:

The two templates are now updated for your use to notify employees of the VERA/VSIP opportunity in your organization. These final versions are modified to contain key changes that must be included. For the templates listed below to be issued by "RA/AA – HROs/PMOs" in your organization, edit/insert the appropriate information in the sections highlighted in yellow. When issuing a VERA/VSIP notice for your organization, we ask that you include your contact(s) in our servicing HR SSC on the "cc" line of your notification, as follows: <a href="mailto:Jimenez.Elaine@epa.gov">Jimenez.Elaine@epa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Ponich.Crystal@epa.gov">Ponich.Crystal@epa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov">Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov</a>.

This will help us work together in partnership on this critical effort.

### **Special Circumstances:**

- 1) If you have an employee in a position covered by VERA/VSIP who is on extended leave or leave without pay, you need to mail the signed memorandum to the employee via certified mail with return receipt requested.
- 2) If you have an employee in a position covered by VERA/VSIP that has received a proposal or decision letter of removal, you need to contact your servicing SSC and keep your SSC VERA/VSIP point(s) of contact informed of any changing status related to removals.

VERA/VSIP ANNOUNCEMENT & ON-LINE APPLICATION TEMPLATES	PURPOSE	ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES
RA/AA – VERA/VSIP 2013-2014 VERA/VSIP Opportunities Announcement w/Instructions (Attachments A-D)	Notify Workforce of VERA/VSIP Window/On-Line App	RA/AA – HROs/PMOs
On-Line VERA/VSIP Application and Process	Employee Completes VSIP Application On- Line	Employees
VERA/VSIP Application Submission Reminder Notice	Employee Reminder to Apply for VERA/VSIP On-Line during Window	RA/AA – HROs/PMOs
SSC VERA/VSIP Employee Notification Official Offer	Notifies Employee Eligible to Separate with VERA/VSIP	Servicing SSC
SSC ERA/VSIP Employee Notification Official No-Offer	Notifies Employee Ineligible for VERA/VSIP Offer	Servicing SSC

We are here to support you. If you have any questions regarding the templates and issuance to your workforce, please contact Elaine Jimenez at (702) 798-2420 or you may contact me directly at (702) 798-2432. As always, we are glad to be of service to our valued EPA customers and colleagues! Thank you.

Regards on behalf of SSC-Las Vegas,

Liz

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Acting SSC-Las Vegas HR Director

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OARM-Cincinnati

Human Resources Management Division - Las Vegas (Team Vegas)

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From: Sanders, Amy [Sanders.Amy@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/7/2017 12:02:35 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

CC: Sypniewski, Bruce [sypniewski.bruce@epa.gov]; Marlinga, Richard [marlinga.richard@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: V/V Communication Templates

Loretta,

Last time our ARA sent this out. I just want to confirm that's still okay?

Thanks,

Amy Sanders
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Resources Management Division
77 W Jackson Blvd
Chicago, IL 60604

Email: sanders.amy@epa.gov Office: (312) 353-9196 Office Fax: (312) 353-1517

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 6:03 PM

To: RHRO <RHRO@epa.gov>; OHR PMOs <OHR\_PMOs@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Coomber, Robert

<coomber.robert@epa.gov>; Peabody, Hitch <Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>; Carpenter,

Wesley <Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>
Subject: V/V Communication Templates

Importance: High

HR Community,

Here are the templates we promised on today's HR Community Call.

Please keep in mind the following:

- The agency must have approval from OPM before notices can be sent. Stay tuned.
- The general notification goes to all employees in your program or region.
- The "targeted position" notice and attachments will only be sent to employees in your program/region's targeted positions pool.
- For organizations that targeted SL/ST positions, the Executive Resources Division is the servicing HR
  Office, not the SSC.

If you have any questions or concerns about the template, please contact Debbi Hart at (202) 564-2011 or hart debbi@epa.gov.

Thanks.

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Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/30/2017 3:48:05 PM

To: Lesperance, Twanna [Lesperance.Twanna@epa.gov]; McCluney, Lance [McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]

CC: Allen, Reginald [Allen.Reginald@epa.gov]; Shanahan, Katherine [Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov]; Remmers, Janet

[Remmers.Janet@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: V/V Budget Tables update information **Attachments**: v and v budget information tables v3.docx

Importance: High

Twanna and Lance-

Sorry you missed yesterday's call. Please see the message below and attached for instructions on updating AO's V/V budget tables. We need to turn this one around quickly so thanks in advance for your support. Debbi

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From: Shanahan, Katherine

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:21 AM

To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: V/V Budget Tables update information

So sorry folks. Forgot to add you to the CC list I was so focused on going through the list of emails that were forwarded yesterday to be sure I got everyone

Have a good week-end

From: Shanahan, Katherine

**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 10:14 AM

To: Pastalove, Barbara < Pastalove.Barbara@epa.gov>; Rubel, Robert < Rubel.Robert@epa.gov>; McManus, Catharine

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Wendy < Klinker. Wendy@epa.gov>; Ajabi, Laurel < Ajabi. Laurel@epa.gov>

Cc: McDonald, James < McDonald. James @epa.gov >; Kenyon, Michael < Kenyon. Michael @epa.gov >

Subject: V/V Budget Tables update information

Good Morning Everyone

As Janet and Carol promised on yesterday's conference calls, please find attached the V/V Budget Tables update. In addition to the table template, Janet has included some Best Practices and clarified that the calculations should be based on the

"Maximum number of offers that would be accepted".

If you were unable to make the call and are unclear as to your next steps, please feel free to call me at 617-918-1619 and I will explain what was discussed during the call. If you have specific finance questions, Janet Remmers at 202-564-0548, is taking the lead for OCFO on the budget portion of the V/V submission.

Please Note: I went through every message that indicated yesterday's meeting invite had been forwarded. I typed in the names individually and while some added to the Address list, most did not. It appears that their names already appeared on either the Budget Officer Mail list or the Comptroller Mail list. Thus, if you do not see their individual name above, rest assured they were not missed!

Thank you

Kathie Shanahan Human Resource Officer EPA New England Region 1 617-918-1619

From: McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/15/2017 7:56:08 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: OLEM VERA/VSIP SUBMISSION

Attachments: FINAL - OLEM VERA-VSIP Proposal Revised 6-15-2017.docx

FYI. This addresses one of Loretta's comments in the clean version. I made the correction in all places (clean version, tracked changes version, and OLEM business case on sharepoint).

From: Smith, Susan

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 1:29 PM

To: McNeal, Detha <McNeal.Detha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OLEM VERA/VSIP SUBMISSION

Detha – I took it from the initial sheet we were sent from OHR with a few adjustments because we had an employee that died. I just noticed I said voluntary twice. Sorry about that. Here is a re-write. Does this make sense now??

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

### Susan

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From: McNeal, Detha

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Smith, Susan < Smith.Susan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OLEM VERA/VSIP SUBMISSION

Hi Susan,

The paragraph below is from OLEM's business case. Can you verify the highlighted line?

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Detha McNeal Human Resources Specialist Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA (202) 564-6707 To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Schulman, Marvin
Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 2:51:01 PM

Subject: PS Note! (re V/V Memo to Employees)

PS – You asked me yesterday to remind you about the extra period in the second line of the memo we worked on yesterday. (There was one inside the ( ) and one outside.

Consider yourself "reminded" ©

me

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:21 AM

To: Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; McNeal, Detha

<McNeal.Detha@epa.gov>

Cc: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Need to review latest V/V documents

Importance: High

Detha/Marvin,

Based on Janet's latest response we may be fine. The revised business cases probably only included budget calculations and notes. However, please do a quick cross-check between the updates and the master business case file.

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This is top priority.

Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt

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From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 6:18 PM

To: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov >; McNeal, Detha

<McNeal.Detha@epa.gov>

Cc: Parker, Gary ce: Parker, Gary ce: Parker, Gary ce: Parker, Debbice: P

Subject: Need to review latest V/V documents

Importance: High

Detha/Marvin,

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I will forward prog/regional updates in separate emails.

This is top priority.

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/6/2017 6:56:47 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: VERA-VSIP General Notice 7-6-17.rev.docx **Attachments**: VERA-VSIP General Notice 7-6-17.rev.docx

Well we can just use this version for final. I can't tell what changed on last paragraph?

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From: Showman, John

**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 1:46 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.july-10.1016/j.jul

Cc: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian < Cooper. Marian@epa.gov>

Subject: VERA-VSIP General Notice 7-6-17.rev.docx

I made two small changes in the last paragraph – one to address a comment from Mike. He's meeting with Ryan this afternoon and will mention to him.

Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov] From:

Sent: 7/6/2017 5:34:14 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov] Subject: RE: Need to review latest V/V documents

Done.

I sent you an earlier email w/ the correct # for OA (its 139)

Marvin

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:21 AM

To: Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; McNeal, Detha <McNeal.Detha@epa.gov>

Cc: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Need to review latest V/V documents

Importance: High

Detha/Marvin,

Based on Janet's latest response we may be fine. The revised business cases probably only included budget calculations and notes. However, please do a quick cross-check between the updates and the master business case file.

Marvin, I need you to check on AO's targeted positions number. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

### Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

This is top priority.

Thanks.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 6:18 PM

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Cc: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Need to review latest V/V documents

Importance: High

Detha/Marvin,

OCFO updated the budget charts and I added some language re: restructuring in Section 1. I need you to compare the current business case document and targeted position spreadsheet against prog/regional updates to ensure nothing changed in their overall business case. I believe the changes were only to the budget sections but we need to be sure.

I will forward prog/regional updates in separate emails.

This is top priority.

Thanks.

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From: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/26/2017 2:25:20 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: FAQ POSTING

Attachments: VERA- VSIP FAQ's - Revised 12-31-13.doc

Loretta,

Do you have anything to add to this version?

Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (O) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099

From: Parker, Gary

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 7:34 AM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland. William@epa.gov>; Martinez, Doris < Martinez. Doris@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FAQ POSTING

Bill,

Please post the attached to the early out/buy out page, <a href="http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/index.htm">http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/index.htm</a>

Label it "VERA/VSIP FAQs"

Thank you.

R, Gary

From: Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/15/2017 4:57:07 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
CC: McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]

Subject: V-V Theme Summary Chart
Attachments: V-V Theme Summary Chart.docx

### Loretta -

In looking over the document, I was concerned about the length of the submission, and thought that if we summarized the themes by AAship and Region, we could eliminate a lot of text and shorten the report.

I showed it to Detha to get her input and she agreed that it was a good idea and would help us shorten the report, without losing any of the substance.

Please take a look at this and let me know what you think of it.

thanks

Marvin

(202) 564-7778

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/15/2017 4:06:55 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Talking Points - VERA and VSIP Town Hall Meetings2017.docx **Attachments**: Talking Points - VERA and VSIP Town Hall Meetings2017.docx

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From: Cooper, Marian

**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 11:43 AM **To:** Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Talking Points - VERA and VSIP Town Hall Meetings2017.docx

Thoughts?

To: Parker, Gary[parker.gary@epa.gov]
Cc: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Wed 6/14/2017 1:32:42 PM

Subject: FW: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

FYI—I've asked Gary to work on updating the website so please keep each other in the loop!

From: Kirkland, William

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 7:24 AM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Cc: Cunningham, Bisa <cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Good Morning Loretta,

Your updates have been posted. Thank you.

William (Bill) Kirkland

Kirkland.William@epa.gov

Information Technology Division, Office of Human Resources OARM/OHR/ITD

Phone: (202) 564-7533 Room: 1220B WJC East

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 5:34 PM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland. William @epa.gov >

Cc: Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Bill, Please upload the attached PowerPoint presentation to the VERA/VSIP page: •0000000 <u>OPM VERA</u> • □ □ □ □ □ □ OPM VSIP • 🗆 🗆 🗆 OPM Reshaping • 
OPM Reassignment •□□□□□□ HR Navigator (Registration Required) •□□□□□□ FHR Navigator Webinar ← use this title • Capp, 124 K) Thanks. Loretta L. Hunt **Branch Chief** Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Cunningham, Bisa

**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 4:58 PM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: FW: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Loretta – Please see attached and below. Did you want to add this to the VERA/VSIP site?

Bisa Cunningham

Director, Diversity, Recruitment, & Employee Services Division

**Environmental Protection Agency** 

Office of Administration and Resources Management

Office of Human Resources, WJC North (Room 1402 Y/Z)

Office: 202-564-6635

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Email: Cunningham.Bisa@epa.gov

From: Davis, Cathy

**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 1:09 PM

**To:** Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov > **Subject:** FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Bisa.

Attached is a presentation that we developed for the FedHR Navigator program. The presentation has step by step instructions for how to register and login. It also shows the various forms that are needed when applying for retirement and how to access those forms.

I thought I'd share this with you in case you would like to have it added to the VERA/VSIP webpage that is being developed, under the (FedHR Navigator link). This is one of the presentations that our SSC is using in our day to day operations.

Thanks

Cathy Davis, Section Chief, Employee Services Branch, HRMD-RTP U.S. EPA - Shared Service Center - RTP (MC-C-639-02) 109 T.W. Alexander Dr. RTP, NC 27711 (919) 541-3533 (919) 541-2186 fax



From: Davis, Cathy [Davis.Cathy@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/23/2017 2:01:46 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: VERA/VSIP Question

### Good morning Loretta.

Do you know if the VERA/VSIP package that our agency sent to OPM includes a blanket waiver of the 5 years of FEHB coverage requirement? Also, does the package contain language that will allow for resignations with a VSIP if the employee who is occupying a targeted position is not eligible for VERA or optional retirement?

### **Thanks**

Cathy Davis, Section Chief, Employee Services Branch, HRMD-RTP U.S. EPA - Shared Service Center - RTP (MC-C-639-02) 109 T.W. Alexander Dr. RTP, NC 27711 (919) 541-3533 (919) 541-2186 fax

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To: Parker, Gary[parker.gary@epa.gov]
Cc: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Cunningham, Bisa

**Sent:** Tue 6/20/2017 4:49:08 PM

Subject: RE: Notes from today's meeting with SSCs/LERD/DRESD re: V-V

I have the thumb drive from Jerome Bonner to upload the VERA/VSIP training video onto the site. Please let me know when I can give it to you.

Bisa Cunningham

Director, Diversity, Recruitment, & Employee Services Division

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From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:35 AM

To: Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Notes from today's meeting with SSCs/LERD/DRESD re: V-V

I think I was supposed to forward the draft FAQs to you.

Loretta L. Hunt, Chief

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### Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hunt, Loretta" < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >

Date: May 31, 2017 at 5:00:04 PM EDT

**To:** "Engebretson, Lizabeth" < Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>, "Bonner, Jerome" < Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>, "Cunningham, Bisa" < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>, "Taylor, Jeremy" < Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov>, "Corbett, Krysti" < Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>, "Peabody, Hitch" < Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov>

Cc: "Parker, Gary" <<u>parker.gary@epa.gov</u>>, "Hart, Debbi" <<u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>>, "Gray, Linda" <<u>gray.linda@epa.gov</u>>, "Carpenter, Wesley" <<u>Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: Notes from today's meeting with SSCs/LERD/DRESD re: V-V

Thanks again for participating.

I've summarized the notes from today's meeting based on subject.

### Communications

- A general notification from agency senior management is expected to be sent out soon. A more detailed notification (with proposed targeting information) will be sent to employees at a later date.
- PAB hasn't seen the general notice draft but will share with SSCs/LERD/DRESD, if possible.
- OHR has created a V-V intranet site for employees at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/ohr/policy/buyouts/">https://www.epa.gov/ohr/policy/buyouts/</a>. SSCs/DRESD/LERD/PPTD can add useful information as necessary.
- Need to develop employee FAQs. Draft attached.

### LERD

### Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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# SSCs/DRESD

- Benefits POCs will meet soon to discuss process.
- SSCs are working with IT to update the web-based database for V-V applications/actions. SSCs to review the new database second week in June.
- Benefits POCs will develop webcasts and other helpful resources for targeted employees.
- Employees will receive detailed application instructions in a future notification.
- V-V database will have information for agency reports/accountability purposes.
- Liz forwarded notification templates from previous V-V.
- Latest OPM benefits notice on V-V retirement processing can be found at <a href="https://www.opm.gov/retirement-services/publications-forms/benefits-administration-letters/2016/16-301.pdf">https://www.opm.gov/retirement-services/publications-forms/benefits-administration-letters/2016/16-301.pdf</a>
- Need to ask senior management about prohibition on movement that may alter eligibility (reassignment/staffing) during V-V process.

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/19/2017 2:20:07 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov];

Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]; McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: FYI--Draft final V/V submission is now delivered--

I truly mean it. Thanks for all of your efforts to get this submission over the finish line. And particularly for working/staying late Friday to get the job done despite a highly stressful environment. Debbi

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 7:32 PM

To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda

<gray.linda@epa.gov>; Carpenter, Wesley <Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>

Subject: FYI--Draft final V/V submission is now delivered--

It's now 7:30. We had late-breaking changes from R2 and also identified number discrepancies for the AO and R10 during our final QA. Number changes have ripple effects...

Despite the stress and frustration, couldn't ask for a better team. Shout outs to Marvin, Detha, Jason and Loretta-they continue to be awesome.

**HELLO WEEKEND!** 

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/7/2017 4:11:39 PM

To: Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]
CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: OMB questions on updated, final V/V submission--

Importance: High

FYI.

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 12:10 PM **To:** Terris, Carol < Terris. Carol@epa.gov>

Subject: OMB questions on updated, final V/V submission--

Importance: High

Hey Carol-

Per my v-mail, OMB (Andrea G.) just notified me that she will be sending a few questions shortly. She said most everything looks the way she would expect it. If her questions pertain to the cost tables, is there a POC from your shop that could assist if needed today. We are trying to get our final approval ASAP. Thank you! Debbi

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From: Peabody, Hitch [Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/26/2017 5:43:00 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: VERA/VSIP System

Loretta

Thanks. I don't see the VV meeting on my calendar. Could you forward the invite please?

Hitch

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:29 PM

To: Peabody, Hitch <Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: VERA/VSIP System

Hitch,

FYI

Also, you or a designee in ERD should attend the weekly VERA/VSIP meetings (Thursdays at 3 pm) so you can stay in the loop.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.foretta@epa.gov

From: Taylor, Jeremy

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:12 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: VERA/VSIP System

Hi Debbi and Loretta,

I wanted to check to see if you two want to be involved in our demo of the application system for VERA/VSIP that we will be doing later this week. I know you won't be working on that part but since you two have been the leads for all the steps so far I wanted to see if you are interested in seeing the system in case you have any questions come your way or want to give any feedback we may not have thought of.

Also, do you know if ERD has been involved much so far? Multiple of our packages have targeted positions that they service so we are building those options so that packages get routed to them.

Thank you,

Jeremy A. Taylor

OARM-RTP-HRMD Director 919-541-0537

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/5/2017 8:00:50 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Updated R6 V/V Justification including budget information

Attachments: R6 VV Justification (w-Budget Tables) 6-30-17.docx

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From: Hill, Troy

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 3:43 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Terris, Carol < Terris.Carol@epa.gov>

Cc: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; McDonald, James <McDonald.James@epa.gov>; Bonnell, Corey

<br/><bonnell.corey@epa.gov>

Subject: Updated R6 V/V Justification including budget information

Debbi, Carol and Loretta,

Attached is an updated V/V justification for Region 6 including budget information. If you have any questions please let us know.

Regards,

Troy

Troy Hill Management Division EPA Region 6 214-665-6647 Hill.Troy@epa.gov





From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/7/2017 4:02:34 PM

To: 'Snowden, Gregory A' [Gregory.Snowden@opm.gov]; 'Mahoney, Michael J' [Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov]

**CC**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: EPA Final VERA/VSIP Request--email 3 of 3

Attachments: Copy of Targetd positions office submissions 7-6-17.xlsx

Hello Gregory and Mike-

Are you in receipt of all three pieces? Can you please let me know if you have any other requests or questions (Loretta is out today)? Thanks. Debbi

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 8:57 AM

 $\textbf{To: 'Snowden, Gregory A' < Gregory.Snowden@opm.gov>; 'Mahoney, Michael J' < Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov>; 'Coleman, Michael J' < Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov>; 'Coleman, Michael J' < Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov>; 'Coleman, Michael J' < Mike.Mahoney.Michael Mike.Michael Mike.Michael Mike.Mike.Mike.Mike.M$ 

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Subject: EPA Final VERA/VSIP Request--email 2 of 3

EPA's final business case (attached). DH

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Importance: High

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From: Lindsay, Nancy [Lindsay.Nancy@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/12/2017 5:03:34 PM

To: R10-EPA Regional Mail Group [R10EPA\_Regional\_Mail\_Group@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Subject: vera vsip general notice 7/12/17
Attachments: vera vsip general notice 71217.pdf

Attached please find the VERA VSIP notice to all Region 10 employees.

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/5/2017 7:59:19 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Region 8's updated V/V numbers

Attachments: v and v budget information tables v3 for HQ July 3 2017 R8.docx

Don't think this one changed except for budget tables but not sure!

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From: Fowler, Joshua

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 2:08 PM To: Hart, Debbi <hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Region 8's updated V/V numbers

Saw you were not cc'd.

Josh Fowler
Human Resources Officer
EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop St. Denver, CO 80212
fowler.joshua@epa.gov
303-312-6348 (work)
720-287-9266 (cell)

From: Greenwald, Beth

Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 12:07 PM

To: Remmers, Janet <<u>Remmers, Janet@epa.gov</u>>; Terris, Carol <<u>Terris, Carol@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Fowler, Joshua < Fowler\_Joshua@epa.gov>; Bielenberg, Ben < Bielenberg, Ben@epa.gov>; Poetter, Joe

<poetter.joe@epa.gov>

Subject: Region 8's updated V/V numbers

Hi, Carol and Janet – attached is Region 8's updated chart for the VERA/VSIP package.

Please let me know if you have questions (I'm in the office for a couple more hours), or you can contact Joe Poetter (303-312-6186) on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, or Ben Bielenberg (303-312-6771) on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks! ©

Beth

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/14/2017 5:43:50 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: VSIP Related Request

Do you know this one?

From: Connors, Sandra

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:30 PM

To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Keith, Jennie <Keith.Jennie@epa.gov>; Duross, Jeanne

<Duross.Jeanne@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: VSIP Related Request

Debbi/Jennie/Jeanne – Can you please amplify the meaning of personal services contract or other direct contract? I'm assuming this only covers direct employment contracts with the US Government and not private companies who do business with EPA but can't find any info on the FAQs on this. Thanks!

From: Mason, Colleen

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:23 PM

To: Connors, Sandra < Connors. Sandra@epa.gov >

Subject: FW: VSIP Related Request

#### Hi Sandra-

I have an ethics question. Under the VERA/VSIP terms it states that repayment is required if the employee "later accepts employment for compensation with the Government of the United States within 5 years of the date of the separation on which the VSIP is based, including work under a personal services contract or other direct contract." What is the definition of "personal services contract or other direct contract?" For instance, if I accepted a VSIP and took a position with a private company, if that company had an existing or won a new government contract and I was asked to work on it, would that constitute a repayment?

Colleen Mason 202-343-9641

From: ESB SSC LV

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:38 AM

To: Mason, Colleen < Mason. Colleen@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: VSIP Related Request

Colleen, for appropriate guidance / response to your inquiry regarding post-employment, you should contact your Program Office's Ethics Official. S/He will offer you direction on personal services contract or other direct contracts as stated in your email. Hope this helps.

Have a pleasant weekend.

# Elaine Jimenez

Supervisory Human Resources Specialist (Benefits) (Employee Services Branch Chief) HRMD - Las Vegas (702) 798-2402 – Office (702) 798-2416 - Fax

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From: Mason, Colleen

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 8:50 AM
To: ESB SSC LV < ESB SSC LV@epa.gov>

Subject: VSIP Related Request

I am looking for clarification on the VSIP repayment requirement. The language reads as follows:

An employee who receives a VSIP and later accepts employment for compensation with the Government of the United States within 5 years of the date of the separation on which the VSIP is based, including work under a personal services contract or other direct contract, must repay the entire amount of the VSIP to the agency that paid it - before the individual's first day of reemployment.

Can you please describe examples of "personal services contract or other direct contract." I am asking based on the following scenario:

- I am offered and accept a VSIP
- I accept employment with a private company
- The company wins a federal contract
- I am asked to work on that contract

Is this a scenario under which repayment would be required? Is that considered a personal services or direct contract?

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/30/2017 1:02:48 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: Notice of VERA and/or VSIP Offer

Attachments: W-4P - 2014.pdf; SF2818.pdf; sf3107.pdf

As discussed. Let folks know if you have comments. D

From: Mairose, Sue

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:18 PM

To: Bonner, Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>

Cc: Thomas, Cheryl <Thomas.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Notice of VERA and/or VSIP Offer

Jerome,

Below is one of the email templates that we had from the last VERA/VSIP go around in 2014 that I mentioned on the call this afternoon. Upon review, it appears that this may be something that the SSC directors will want to discuss on your next call and make a decision on regarding developing a standard template. I have 2 other emails that we found and I will forward those on to you as well.

I reached out to Debbi prior to sending this email because I told her that I would be sending the templates to her. She agreed that the SSC's should be reviewing and drafting since they will be the ones sending out the notification.

I do recall that we had 2 email versions – one for FERS employees and one for CSRS because we attached the appropriate retirement application forms.

Cheryl and I really haven't had the opportunity to review all of the emails that I am forwarding but we will and can discuss next week.

Thanks Jerome,

Sue

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Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati HR Shared Service Center
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513-569-7951
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From: Thomas, Cheryl

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:35 PM

To: Mairose, Sue < Mairose, Sue@epa.gov > Subject: FW: Notice of VERA and/or VSIP Offer

From: Mick, David

Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 10:58 AM

Cc: Mairose, Sue

Subject: Notice of VERA and/or VSIP Offer

Dear Employee:

This notice constitutes a formal offer to separate from employment under Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and/or with a Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VSIP), pursuant to the VERA/VSIP application you submitted. You are eligible to receive a VSIP in the amount of \$25,000 before withholding.

Employees who elect to separate from employment with a VERA and/or VSIP offer must do so not later than **January 9, 2015**. While every consideration will be given to your preferred separation date, final separation decisions will be based on the mission and budgetary needs of the organization.

If you plan to accept this offer and separate under VERA or optional retirement, along with a VSIP, you must complete and submit all necessary retirement application forms and related documents (see attached files) to the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center. Also, to the extent applicable, please submit a copy of your marriage certificate and DD-214. If you have questions you can contact us at (513) 569-7699 or via email at CIN\_HRSSC\_Benefits\_Central. Our mailing address for your final, hardcopy retirement paperwork is as follows:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Mail Code N136 Cincinnati, OH 45268 Attention: Employee Benefits Branch

Documents should be submitted as early as possible to allow sufficient time to process your separation and to resolve any questions or issues that may arise. Whether you plan to retire or separate from employment by resignation along with acceptance of a VSIP, please immediately notify your immediate supervisor so that s/he can submit to the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center one Standard Form 52 (SF-52), "Request for Personnel Action" documenting both your retirement or resignation as well as your VSIP.

You may withdraw your paperwork prior to your separation date from the Agency or NLT **January 8, 2015** by providing written notification to the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center (email: CIN\_HRSSC\_Benefits\_Central) who will, in turn, notify your organization's VERA/VSIP point of contact.

Your decision to accept or not to accept an offer of a VERA and/or VSIP is entirely voluntary. Therefore, you are not required to accept this offer. If you have any questions regarding this offer, please contact the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center via email at CIN\_HRSSC\_Benefits\_Central or by phone at (513) 569-7699.

Again, if you intend to accept this offer, we encourage you to submit your retirement paperwork as soon as possible. While you may send to the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Center (email: CIN HRSSC Benefits Central) a pdf of your retirement paperwork for review purposes, we must

insist, per OPM requirements, that your official retirement paperwork be submitted as a signed, hardcopy original.

As a reminder, before leaving the Agency you are required to ensure that records for which you are responsible are identified and stored in a record keeping system or transferred to your supervisor or successor. If you have any questions about your records management responsibilities, please contact your Records Liaison Officer.

Dave Mick Chief, Employee Benefits & Mgmt. Svcs. Branch Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center (513) 569-7818

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/5/2017 7:58:28 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Revised - R9 Business Case with Updated Budget Tables

Attachments: R9 V-V Business Case Rev 7-3-17.docx

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From: Lane, Vicki

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 4:41 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: Revised - R9 Business Case with Updated Budget Tables

Hi Deborah and Loretta,

Attached is a complete R9 Business Case which has been updated to include the updated Budget Tables.

Regards, Vicki 415-972-3827

From: McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/13/2017 8:59:46 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Agency Business Case

Attachments: EPA Prog and Reg Business Cases Tracked Changes 6-12-17.docx

## Loretta,

You can pick up with Region 6. I've done a little work on Region 6-10 and added the tables. I'll finish 5 in the morning and whatever you don't get to.

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:12 AM

To: McNeal, Detha < McNeal. Detha@epa.gov>

Subject: Agency Business Case

Try this version.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/7/2017 2:32:55 PM

To: Grossman, Andrea L. EOP/OMB [Andrea L Grossman@omb.eop.gov]

CC: Mulligan, James S. EOP/OMB' [James\_S\_Mulligan@omb.eop.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: EPA Final VERA/VSIP Request--email 3 of 3

Hello Andrea-

Happy Friday! Per my v-mail, please let me know that you are in receipt of all three pieces of our package and if you need anything from us at this point. Thanks! Debbi

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From: Barringer, Jody M. EOP/OMB [Jody\_M.\_Barringer@omb.eop.gov]

**Sent**: 6/28/2017 7:10:03 PM

To: Terris, Carol [Terris.Carol@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: Follow up from VERA/VSIP meeting on OCFO

Hi Carol,

As we discussed in the VERA/VSIP meeting, I have a couple of questions related to OCFO's structure that aren't necessary to clear the VERA/VSIP package but would be useful for me to understand as the OCFO examiner. Can you provide me with a response to the following questions:

- Please describe the functions performed by Branches A, B, C, and D under RTP Finance Center.
- The Purpose of consolidating various programs into an Office of the Controller was to reduce silos but there are still many divisions and branches underneath OC. This should be an opportunity for EPA to evaluate the need for so many sub-offices. Is there any reason why EPA is not looking at whether some of those OC branches can be combined?

Let me know if you need any clarification.

Thanks, Jody

Jody M. Barringer Program Examiner Environment Branch Office of Management & Budget (202) 395-5852

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/3/2017 6:29:20 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: Notice of VERA and/or VSIP Offer

Attachments: W-4P - 2014.pdf; SF2818.pdf; sf3107.pdf

FYI.

From: Mairose, Sue

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:18 PM

To: Bonner, Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>

Cc: Thomas, Cheryl <Thomas.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Notice of VERA and/or VSIP Offer

Jerome,

Below is one of the email templates that we had from the last VERA/VSIP go around in 2014 that I mentioned on the call this afternoon. Upon review, it appears that this may be something that the SSC directors will want to discuss on your next call and make a decision on regarding developing a standard template. I have 2 other emails that we found and I will forward those on to you as well.

I reached out to Debbi prior to sending this email because I told her that I would be sending the templates to her. She agreed that the SSC's should be reviewing and drafting since they will be the ones sending out the notification.

I do recall that we had 2 email versions – one for FERS employees and one for CSRS because we attached the appropriate retirement application forms.

Cheryl and I really haven't had the opportunity to review all of the emails that I am forwarding but we will and can discuss next week.

Thanks Jerome,

Sue

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From: Thomas, Cheryl

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:35 PM

To: Mairose, Sue < Mairose, Sue@epa.gov > Subject: FW: Notice of VERA and/or VSIP Offer

From: Mick, David

Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 10:58 AM

Cc: Mairose, Sue

Subject: Notice of VERA and/or VSIP Offer

Dear Employee:

This notice constitutes a formal offer to separate from employment under Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and/or with a Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VSIP), pursuant to the VERA/VSIP application you submitted. You are eligible to receive a VSIP in the amount of \$25,000 before withholding.

Employees who elect to separate from employment with a VERA and/or VSIP offer must do so not later than **January 9, 2015**. While every consideration will be given to your preferred separation date, final separation decisions will be based on the mission and budgetary needs of the organization.

If you plan to accept this offer and separate under VERA or optional retirement, along with a VSIP, you must complete and submit all necessary retirement application forms and related documents (see attached files) to the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center. Also, to the extent applicable, please submit a copy of your marriage certificate and DD-214. If you have questions you can contact us at (513) 569-7699 or via email at CIN\_HRSSC\_Benefits\_Central. Our mailing address for your final, hardcopy retirement paperwork is as follows:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Mail Code N136 Cincinnati, OH 45268 Attention: Employee Benefits Branch

Documents should be submitted as early as possible to allow sufficient time to process your separation and to resolve any questions or issues that may arise. Whether you plan to retire or separate from employment by resignation along with acceptance of a VSIP, please immediately notify your immediate supervisor so that s/he can submit to the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center one Standard Form 52 (SF-52), "Request for Personnel Action" documenting both your retirement or resignation as well as your VSIP.

You may withdraw your paperwork prior to your separation date from the Agency or NLT **January 8, 2015** by providing written notification to the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center (email: CIN\_HRSSC\_Benefits\_Central) who will, in turn, notify your organization's VERA/VSIP point of contact.

Your decision to accept or not to accept an offer of a VERA and/or VSIP is entirely voluntary. Therefore, you are not required to accept this offer. If you have any questions regarding this offer, please contact the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center via email at CIN\_HRSSC\_Benefits\_Central or by phone at (513) 569-7699.

Again, if you intend to accept this offer, we encourage you to submit your retirement paperwork as soon as possible. While you may send to the Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Center (email: CIN HRSSC Benefits Central) a pdf of your retirement paperwork for review purposes, we must

insist, per OPM requirements, that your official retirement paperwork be submitted as a signed, hardcopy original.

As a reminder, before leaving the Agency you are required to ensure that records for which you are responsible are identified and stored in a record keeping system or transferred to your supervisor or successor. If you have any questions about your records management responsibilities, please contact your Records Liaison Officer.

Dave Mick Chief, Employee Benefits & Mgmt. Svcs. Branch Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center (513) 569-7818 To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Cc: Ryans, Denise[Ryans.Denise@epa.gov]

From: Ryans, Denise

**Sent:** Wed 7/5/2017 7:27:02 PM

Subject: FW: Thursday, July 6, 2017, HR Community Call Meeting Agenda and Call-in Information

Hey,

Do you want me to mention the DV/SAS policy on the call this Thursday?

From: Schreefer, Kenneth

Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 2:20 PM

To: Acquisti, Heidi <Acquisti.Heidi@epa.gov>; Alapati, Joan <Alapati.Joan@epa.gov>; Allen, Reginald < Allen. Reginald@epa.gov>; Allen, Tania < Allen. Tania@epa.gov>; Anthony, Sherri <Anthony.Sherri@epa.gov>; Atkinson, Ryan <Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov>; Baez, Julissa <baez.julissa@epa.gov>; Bailey, Lydia <bailey.lydia@epa.gov>; Bailey, Rhonda <Bailey.Rhonda@epa.gov>; Barber, Anthony <Barber.Anthony@epa.gov>; Benoit, Peggy Ann <Benoit.Peggy@epa.gov>; Bonner, Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>; Bradish, Tracey <bradish.tracey@epa.gov>; Branch, Rebecca <Branch.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Braxton, Marilyn <br/>brown.rohn@epa.gov>; Brown, Wendy <br/> brown.wendy@epa.gov>; Burbach, Joseph <burbach.joseph@epa.gov>; Burrows, Eileen <BURROWS.EILEEN@EPA.GOV>; Burt, Cynthia <Burt.Cynthia@epa.gov>; Butler, Lorraine <Butler.Lorraine@epa.gov>; Carpenter, Wesley <Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>; Carter, Pamela <Carter.Pamela@epa.gov>; Castaneda, John <castaneda.john@epa.gov>; Cherry, Katrina <Cherry.Katrina@epa.gov>; Christian, Pamela < Christian. Pamela@epa.gov>; Church, Stacey < Church. Stacey@epa.gov>; Collier, Darrel <collier.darrel@epa.gov>; Collins, BJ <Collins.BJ@epa.gov>; Corbett, Krysti <Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Bisa <cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Dennis < Cunningham. Dennis@epa.gov>; Cutrona, Jennifer < jennifer.cutrona@csra.com>; Datcher, Dawn <a href="Dawn@epa.gov">Davis, Cathy <a href="Davis.Cathy@epa.gov">Davis, Cathy@epa.gov</a>; Davis, Cathy <a href="Dawn@epa.gov">Davis, Cathy@epa.gov</a>; Davis, Cathy <a href="Dawn@epa.gov">Dawn@epa.gov</a>; Davis, Cathy <a href="Da Alexandra.deSibour@csra.com; Drummond, Shawn <Drummond.Shawn@epa.gov>; Dubbs, Kimberly < Dubbs. Kimberly @epa.gov>; Dunbar, Danielle < dunbar.danielle @epa.gov>; Embry, Euleashia <embry.euleashia@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth <Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Erickson, Amber < Erickson.Amber@epa.gov>; Feeley, James <Feeley.James@epa.gov>; Fowler, Joshua <Fowler.Joshua@epa.gov>; Fraser, Scott <Fraser.Scott@epa.gov>; Freggens, Barbara <Freggens.Barbara@epa.gov>; Graf, Kate <Graf.Kate@epa.gov>; Graubard, Sophia <Graubard.Sophia@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>; Gray, Richard <Gray.Richard@epa.gov>; Gueriguian, Leo <Gueriguian.Leo@epa.gov>; Gutshall, Renee <Gutshall.Renee@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Harvard, Stephanie < Harvard. Stephanie@epa.gov>; Helm, Arron <Helm.Arron@epa.gov>; Hembrey, Cheri <Hembrey.Cheri@epa.gov>; Hill, Troy <Hill.Troy@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Jablonski, Janice

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Subject: Thursday, July 6, 2017, HR Community Call Meeting Agenda and Call-in Information

There is an HR Community Call scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, July 6, 2017. At the moment, VERA/VSIP is the only topic on the agenda:

The meeting will be held at 1:30 pm EDT. The call-in number is **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** 4319. For those of you who can attend in person, the meeting will be held in WJC North Room 5340.

# Kenneth W. Schreefer

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/11/2017 7:23:41 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Workforce Reshaping Options

Attachments: Workforce Reshaping Options 7-10-17.docx

Donna has some questions on this. Can you call me?

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 7:36 PM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Workforce Reshaping Options

### Donna,

Per our earlier discussion. Please review and let Debbi know if this will meet your needs for the meeting on Wednesday. Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov To: Kirkland, William[Kirkland.William@epa.gov]; Martinez, Doris[Martinez.Doris@epa.gov]

Cc: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

From: Parker, Gary

**Sent:** Thur 6/15/2017 2:08:13 PM

Subject: RE: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Thank you Bill.

Mr. Gary Parker

Branch Chief, Workforce Planning

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From: Kirkland, William

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:31 AM

**To:** Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Martinez, Doris <Martinez.Doris@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Gary,

The HR Navigator Webinar link is now working.

FYI: You may need to refresh your page by pressing the CTRL & F5 keys. Thank you.

William (Bill) Kirkland

## Kirkland.William@epa.gov

# Information Technology Division, Office of Human Resources OARM/OHR/ITD

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From: Parker, Gary

**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:09 AM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland. William@epa.gov >; Martinez, Doris

< Martinez. Doris@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Bill,

When I click on the HR Navigator Webinar link, it doesn't work. Can you correct the link?

Mr. Gary Parker

Branch Chief, Workforce Planning

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From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:33 AM **To:** Parker, Gary parker.gary@epa.gov>
Cc: Hunt, Loretta <fre>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Importance: High

FYI—I've asked Gary to work on updating the website so please keep each other in the loop!

From: Kirkland, William

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 7:24 AM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Good Morning Loretta,

Your updates have been posted. Thank you.

William (Bill) Kirkland

Kirkland.William@epa.gov

Information Technology Division, Office of Human Resources OARM/OHR/ITD

Phone: (202) 564-7533 Room: 1220B WJC East

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 5:34 PM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland. William @epa.gov>

Cc: Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Bill,

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OPM Reshaping •□□□□□□ FHR Navigator Webinar ← use this title • Carrena Seminars (PDF) (2 pp, 124 K) Thanks. Loretta L. Hunt **Branch Chief** Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Cunningham, Bisa

**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 4:58 PM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: FW: FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Please upload the attached PowerPoint presentation to the VERA/VSIP page:

Loretta – Please see attached and below. Did you want to add this to the VERA/VSIP site?

Bisa Cunningham

Director, Diversity, Recruitment, & Employee Services Division

**Environmental Protection Agency** 

Office of Administration and Resources Management

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Email: Cunningham.Bisa@epa.gov

From: Davis, Cathy

**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 1:09 PM

**To:** Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov > **Subject:** FedHR Navigator Power Point Presentation

Bisa.

Attached is a presentation that we developed for the FedHR Navigator program. The presentation has step by step instructions for how to register and login. It also shows the various forms that are needed when applying for retirement and how to access those forms.

I thought I'd share this with you in case you would like to have it added to the VERA/VSIP webpage that is being developed, under the (FedHR Navigator link). This is one of the presentations that our SSC is using in our day to day operations.

# Thanks

Cathy Davis, Section Chief, Employee Services Branch, HRMD-RTP U.S. EPA - Shared Service Center - RTP (MC-C-639-02) 109 T.W. Alexander Dr. RTP, NC 27711 (919) 541-3533 (919) 541-2186 fax



To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 12:25:04 PM
Subject: RE: VERA/VSIP Overview Training

thnx

Laura Milton, PMO

Administrative Management Division

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From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 7:58 AM **To:** Milton, Laura < Milton.Laura@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>; Carpenter,

Wesley <Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: VERA/VSIP Overview Training

I recommend Larry talk to Donna first before submitting something official.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 8:07 PM, Milton, Laura < Milton, Laura@epa.gov > wrote:

Okay, should we request formally through Larry?

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: <u>Hunt, Loretta</u> Sent: 6/26/2017 5:31 PM

To: Milton, Laura

Cc: <u>Hart, Debbi; Gray, Linda; Carpenter, Wesley</u> Subject: RE: VERA/VSIP Overview Training



Laura,

I don't know if we can grant an extension. OARM and OCFO would need to look at the budgetary impact of the extension.

Loretta L. Hunt

**Branch Chief** 

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Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:53 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >
Subject: FW: VERA/VSIP Overview Training

Hi Loretta, OECA will be having a series of all hands meetings today and I expect that we will get a couple more questions along the lines of the one below. I know there was some initial thought that short extensions may be possible but I wasn't sure. In this case, it seems that there is a straightforward business need but I imagine that there may be a handful of others that our senior managers would need to discuss further if there is indeed an option.

Do you have any sense whether it may be?

Laura Milton, PMO

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From: Forney, Peggy

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:47 AM
To: Milton, Laura < Milton. Laura@epa.gov >
Subject: RE: VERA/VSIP Overview Training

I do have a question about the VSIP. I am planning on taking it (after 31 years), but keep reading that the separation day will be September 2.

I am scheduled to testify, as an expert witness, in a trial (EPA criminal case) scheduled to start. September 5.

So if I accept the VSIP, is there any way I could postpone leaving for one pay period? I will be representing the government at the trial and prefer to still be employed at the time.

Thank you

Peggy Forney

Chemist

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From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 6:41 AM

To: OECA All

Subject: FW: VERA/VSIP Overview Training

Over the next month, the HR benefits team from our Cincinnati Shared Service Center will be offering additional sessions of the popular VERA/VSIP Overview training. There will be four adobe connect sessions a week, two each on Tuesdays and Thursdays. See below/attached for session times and connectivity information.

In addition, a 508 compliant video has been posted on the Early Out/Buyout Intranet site and can be found here: <a href="http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/">http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/</a>

Laura Milton, PMO

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From: Bonner, Jerome

**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 7:57 AM

To: Milton, Laura < Milton. Laura@epa.gov >; Smith, Susan < Smith. Susan@epa.gov >;

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<young.debbie@epa.gov>; Mick, David <Mick.David@epa.gov>

Subject: VERA/VSIP Overview Training

Dear Colleagues,

Our SSCs in Cincinnati, Research Triangle Park and Las Vegas are providing a variety of training opportunities during this timeline of pending FY 2017 VERA/VSIP to provide information on the retirement process. First, we are providing the link below to a 508 compliant VERA/VSIP training now posted and

available: <a href="http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/">http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/</a>

Each SSC will be conducting four weekly webinars on the VERA/VSIP retirement process beginning next week. The sessions will be facilitated by Employee Benefits staff and vary by SSC due to time zone and scheduling differences so that we can all accommodate our respective customers effectively.

Please see attached Flyer for Cincinnati V/V Training.

### **Teleconference Information**:

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### **Adobe Connect Information**:

URL is: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Please sign in as: Guest

If the webinar will be viewed in a group setting, please have your HR liaison contact Benefits Branch Chief, Sue Mairose via email at <a href="mairose.sue@epa.gov">mairose.sue@epa.gov</a> after each session to advise of the number of employees who attended the webinar.

For questions or information regarding the webinars, please contact Sue Mairose at 513-569-7951 or via email.

Thank you,

Jerome W. Bonner

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From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Mon 7/3/2017 5:59:51 PM

Subject: RE: VERA/VSIP Planning and Updates

SSC Schedule V-V June28 2017 .docx

Thank you Liz! We added one more action—agreement with unions.

From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 7:48 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi <a href="Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>

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Subject: RE: VERA/VSIP Planning and Updates

Debbi,

I had no further recommended changes. Thanks for the opportunity to review.

Regards,

Liz

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:04 PM

**To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>; Bonner, Jerome < <u>Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov</u>>; Engebretson, Lizabeth < <u>Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov</u>>; Taylor, Jeremy

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Subject: RE: VERA/VSIP Planning and Updates

Importance: High

Here is the updated schedule for your review.

Debbi Hart Director

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----Original Appointment----

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:20 PM

**To:** Hunt, Loretta; Bonner, Jerome; Engebretson, Lizabeth; Taylor, Jeremy; Cunningham, Bisa; Hart, Debbi; Corbett, Krysti; Coomber, Robert; Schulman, Marvin; McNeal, Detha; Peabody, Hitch

Cc: Mairose, Sue; Davis, Cathy; Jimenez, Elaine; Brown, Rohn; Atkinson, Ryan; Parker, Gary;

Burt, Cynthia; Hampton, Torrey

Subject: VERA/VSIP Planning and Updates

When: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Teleconference

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Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov] From:

8/8/2017 4:27:11 PM Sent:

To: Engebretson, Lizabeth [Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: VERA/VSIP

Loretta is about to send the info to everyone. Just in from OPM-- man Vicki is fast!

----Original Message----From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 12:25 PM
To: Hart, Debbi <a href="Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart, Debbi @epa.gov</a>; Hunt, Loretta <a href="Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov">Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</a>>

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Jeremy <Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: VERA/VSIP

Debbi,
Hi. I just received this from our acting Regional 9 Administrator...will you be sending out info to RHRO/PMO and SSCs? Apparently, we have an OPM approval which may affect our notices for tomorrow...

Regards, Liz

----Original Message----

From: Strauss, Alexis

Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Lane, Vicki <Lane.Vicki@epa.gov>; Angelich, Michelle <Angelich.Michelle@epa.gov>; Jordan, Deborah

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Subject: VERA/VSIP

USOPM has approved flexibility within NPM caps as of today, which will allow for some waitlisted people to separate via V/v. Donna Vizian is hoping these individuals will be included in tomorrow 's letters.

From: Davis, Cathy [Davis.Cathy@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 8/2/2017 4:23:24 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Subject: ORD Intended Targeted Positions

Attachments: x2017\_V-V\_LCOs.xlsx

#### Please see attached.

Cathy Davis, Section Chief, Employee Services Branch, HRMD-RTP U.S. EPA - Shared Service Center - RTP (MC-C-639-02) 109 T.W. Alexander Dr. RTP, NC 27711 (919) 541-3533 (919) 541-2186 fax



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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Sent: 7/7/2017 1:39:42 PM

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CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: V/V Communication Templates

Attachments: Prog and Reg VERA-VSIP Announcement 7-6-17.docx

Importance: High

FYI.

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 7:03 PM

To: RHRO <RHRO@epa.gov>; OHR PMOs <OHR\_PMOs@epa.gov>

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Wesley <Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>
Subject: V/V Communication Templates

Importance: High

HR Community,

Here are the templates we promised on today's HR Community Call.

Please keep in mind the following:

- The agency must have approval from OPM before notices can be sent. Stay tuned.
- The general notification goes to all employees in your program or region.
- The "targeted position" notice and attachments will only be sent to employees in your program/region's targeted positions pool.
- For organizations that targeted SL/ST positions, the Executive Resources Division is the servicing HR Office, not the SSC.

If you have any questions or concerns about the template, please contact Debbi Hart at (202) 564-2011 or hart debbi@epa.gov.

Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

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Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov] To:

From: Vaughan, Pat

Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 8:28:59 PM

Subject: RE: Thursday, July 6, 2017, HR Community Call Meeting Agenda and Call-in Information

Isn't this exactly the same as before? I made a note that it had changed, but may have heard wrong.

Pat Vaughan

Director, Human Resources Division

ORD/Office of Administrative and Research Support

919-541-4912

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Subject: RE: Thursday, July 6, 2017, HR Community Call Meeting Agenda and Call-in

Information

Per today's call.

The selection criteria for VERA/VSIP:

If the number of applications received exceeds the total number of VSIPs we can offer, approvals will be based first on service computation date for leave, then on entry on duty date (total EPA years of service.) If the SCD and EOD dates are the same for two eligible employees, then the offer will be granted to the employee who submitted his or her application first.

Loretta L. Hunt

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Subject: Thursday, July 6, 2017, HR Community Call Meeting Agenda and Call-in Information

There is an HR Community Call scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, July 6, 2017. At the moment, VERA/VSIP is the only topic on the agenda:

The meeting will be held at 1:30 pm EDT. The call-in number is 1-866-299-3188 and the code is 202-564-4319. For those of you who can attend in person, the meeting will be held in WJC North Room 5340.

## Kenneth W. Schreefer

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**Subject**: Status check??--

Importance: High

Mike—Per my v-mail, we met with OMB yesterday to review our V/V submittal and field questions. No showstoppers and they want to move things forward so that we can get folks off the rolls by early September. Does OPM have any questions for us at this point? Can you share anything with us about how the review is going? Thanks in advance. Debbi

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/5/2017 6:28:04 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: Updated V/V schedule

Attachments: SSC Schedule V-V June 28 2017 .docx

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/13/2017 8:30:15 PM

To: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: VERA VSIP Applications Received

FYI—not bad for Day 1!

From: Showman, John

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:22 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart, Debbi@epa.gov</a>

Subject: FW: VERA VSIP Applications Received

FYI ...

From: "Martinson, Alice" < Martinson. Alice@epa.gov>

Date: July 13, see2017 at 4:04:38 PM EDT

To: "Helm, Arron" < Helm, Arron@epa.gov>, "Collins, BJ" < Collins.BJ@epa.gov>, "Carter, Rick"

<<u>Carter.Rick@epa.gov</u>>, "Atkinson, Ryan" <<u>Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov</u>>, "Taylor, Jeremy"

<a href="mailto:</a>- <a href="mailto:</a> <a href=

<Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>

Cc: "Mairose, Sue" < Mairose. Sue@epa.gov >, "Davis, Cathy" < Davis. Cathy@epa.gov >, "Jimenez, Elaine"

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**Subject: VERA VSIP Applications Received** 

As of 4:00 this afternoon, VERA/VSIP applications have been received agency-wide. Below is the breakdown by Program/Region.

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For comparison, here's what we received in the first few days of the past 2 VERA/VSIP windows:

Application Period	100	Day 7	Diety St	% of Total Applications
October 2014	33	100	36	52%
February 2014	237	65	27	72%

#### ~ Alice

Alice Martinson Acting Section Chief, RTP-SSC U.S. Environmental Protection Agency OARM/HRMD-RTP (MD-C639-02) Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 8/1/2017 6:35:33 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: VERA VSIP updated list

Hey—Can you please send me whatever you sent to Carol? I feel sort of foolish--I only answered her bc I couldn't see that anyone had responded.

From: Terris, Carol

**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 7:28 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>

Cc: Collins, BJ <Collins.BJ@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: VERA VSIP updated list

Thanks Debbi - Loretta coordinated and we received it

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2017, at 7:20 PM, Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov > wrote:

Carol- I think BJ provided the earlier version and hopefully can update. D

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2017, at 11:54 AM, Terris, Carol <a href="mailto:Carol@epa.gov">Terris.Carol@epa.gov</a>> wrote:

HI again Debbi,

Checking in on the final list of VERA VSIP applicants – if your folks can send it to me, we will split out/password protect so budget can finish the funding needs calculations

Many thanks!

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/7/2017 4:42:43 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: Most Current VERA-VSIP FAQs Document

Attachments: VERA- VSIP FAQ's Managers .pdf; VERA- VSIP FAQ's Managers 5-12-17.docx

She has the management ones we did earlier and the other more detailed ones but I can't recall if we posted the latter?

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From: Price, Patricia

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:06 AM

To: Mairose, Sue <Mairose.Sue@epa.gov>; Thomas, Cheryl <Thomas.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi

<Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Most Current VERA-VSIP FAQs Document

Good Morning,

Since this document derived from your office, please confirm which of the following is the **most current and applicable VERA -VSIP FAS document for sharing** with employees. Is it one of the attachments or the link below:

1) http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/pdfs/vera-vsip-faqs.pdf

Thank you,

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Lenexa, KS 66219
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From: McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/6/2017 5:47:39 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: Region 1 VERA VSIP Proposal Summary, Spreadsheet of Targeted Positions, and Org Chart

FYI

From: Shanahan, Katherine

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:47 PM

To: McNeal, Detha < McNeal. Detha@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Region 1 VERA VSIP Proposal Summary, Spreadsheet of Targeted Positions, and Org Chart

I did not and she has already been contacted by me Thanks

From: McNeal, Detha

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:46 PM

To: Shanahan, Katherine < Shanahan. Katherine@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Region 1 VERA VSIP Proposal Summary, Spreadsheet of Targeted Positions, and Org Chart

Katherine, did you mean to send your email to Johanna Hunter?

From: McNeal, Detha

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:43 PM

To: Shanahan, Katherine < Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov>

Cc: Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Region 1 VERA VSIP Proposal Summary, Spreadsheet of Targeted Positions, and Org Chart

Thanks Katherine.

From: Shanahan, Katherine

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:27 AM **To:** McNeal, Detha < McNeal. Detha@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunter, Johanna < <a href="https://hunter.johanna@epa.gov">hunter.johanna@epa.gov</a>>; Schulman, Marvin < <a href="https://schulman.Marvin@epa.gov">Subject: FW: Region 1 VERA VSIP Proposal Summary, Spreadsheet of Targeted Positions, and Org Chart</a>

Hi Detha

We have made the 2 corrections. Thanks so much for catching them.

Kathie

From: McNeal, Detha

Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 3:25 PM

To: Shanahan, Katherine <<u>Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >; Schulman, Marvin < Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov >

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# Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Detha McNeal Human Resources Specialist Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA (202) 564-6707

From: Shanahan, Katherine

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:22 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Region 1 VERA VSIP Proposal Summary, Spreadsheet of Targeted Positions, and Org Chart

Good Afternoon Loretta and Debbi

Attached please find the VERA/VSIP proposal from Region 1. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kathie

Katherine Shanahan Human Resource Manager EPA New England Region 1 617-918-1619

From: McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/6/2017 5:43:19 PM

**To:** Shanahan, Katherine [Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov]

CC: Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

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Detha[McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]; Hampton, Torrey[hampton.torrey@epa.gov]

From: Cunningham, Bisa
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 5:18:25 PM

Subject: RE: Need to Schedule Regular VERA/VSIP Meetings

That's fine.

Bisa Cunningham

Director, Diversity, Recruitment, & Employee Services Division

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Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:02 PM

To: Bonner, Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>; Corbett, Krysti <Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>;

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From: Bonner, Jerome

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:43 PM

To: Corbett, Krysti < Corbett. Krysti@epa.gov >; Cunningham, Bisa

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From: Corbett, Krysti

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:41 PM

To: Cunningham, Bisa < <a href="mailto:cunningham.bisa@epa.gov">cunningham.bisa@epa.gov">; Hunt, Loretta < <a href="mailto:Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov">Hunt, Loretta@epa.gov</a>>;

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Subject: RE: Need to Schedule Regular VERA/VSIP Meetings

We've got many recurring meetings on Thursday mornings – so either Tuesday or Thursday afternoon for Bob and I.

Thanks!

#### Krysti Corbett

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From: Cunningham, Bisa

Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 11:39 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >; Engebretson, Lizabeth

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I prefer Thursdays.

r/s

Bisa Cunningham

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Subject: Need to Schedule Regular VERA/VSIP Meetings

Importance: High

I would like to schedule regular V/V meetings for planning and updates on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Please let me know your preference. Thanks.

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Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Braxton, Marilyn

Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 4:10:25 PM Subject: RE: Question on V/V

Loretta,

Are only the positions <u>and organizations</u> listed in our targeted positions table impacted by this? For example:

- If my organization was not listed in OEI's V/V plan, but
- HR Specialist GS 13 positions were included as targeted positions within another OEI office,
- Can my organization hire an HR specialist GS 13 since we are not participating in this V/V process?

Regards!

Marilyn A. Braxton

202-564-8192

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy (mobile)

Website: OEI's HR Corner

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 9:46 AM

**To:** RHRO <RHRO@epa.gov>; OHR PMOs <OHR\_PMOs@epa.gov> **Cc:** Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; McNeal, Detha

<McNeal.Detha@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Kuhns, Jason
<Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov>; Willig, Jeanine <willig.jeanine@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi

<Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Question on V/V

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Vizian, Donna" < <u>Vizian.Donna@epa.gov</u>>

Date: June 7, 2017 at 9:32:45 AM EDT

**To:** 2017HQfirstassistants < 2017HQfirstassistants@epa.gov >, 2017Regionfirstassistants

<2017Regionfirstassistants@epa.gov>

Cc: DAA-Career <<u>DAACareer@epa.gov</u>>, DRA <<u>DRA@epa.gov</u>>, "Hart, Debbi"

< Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >, "Hunt, Loretta" < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >

Subject: Question on V/V

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To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Cunningham, Bisa

**Sent:** Wed 5/31/2017 6:08:22 PM

Subject: RE: V/V Information

I forwarded this meeting invite to the Benefits Branch Chiefs in the SSCs and in ERD – Cathy Davis, Sue Mairose, Elaine Jimenez, Karmel Ferebee (contractor).

Bisa Cunningham

Director, Diversity, Recruitment, & Employee Services Division

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From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:34 AM

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Subject: Fw: V/V Information

For today's meeting. This is close hold, only share with those who need to know.

From: Vizian, Donna

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 6:12 PM

To: 2017HQfirstassistants; 2017Regionfirstassistants

Cc: Hunt, Loretta; Hart, Debbi; Carpenter, Wesley; Gray, Linda; Corbett, Krysti; Coomber,

Robert; DAA-Career; DRA; ARA

Subject: V/V Information

HI Everyone,

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Best, Donna

Selection Criteria:

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From: Corbett, Krysti

Tue 6/6/2017 5:06:24 PM Sent:

Subject: RE: Need to Schedule Regular VERA/VSIP Meetings

Works for us.

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**Cc:** Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov >; McNeal, Detha < McNeal. Detha@epa.gov >; Hampton, Torrey < hampton.torrey@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: Need to Schedule Regular VERA/VSIP Meetings

We've got many recurring meetings on Thursday mornings – so either Tuesday or Thursday afternoon for Bob and I.

Thanks!

#### Krysti Corbett

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From: Cunningham, Bisa

Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 11:39 AM

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Subject: RE: Need to Schedule Regular VERA/VSIP Meetings

I prefer Thursdays.

r/s

Bisa Cunningham

Director, Diversity, Recruitment, & Employee Services Division

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Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:32 AM

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Subject: Need to Schedule Regular VERA/VSIP Meetings

Importance: High

I would like to schedule regular V/V meetings for planning and updates on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Please let me know your preference. Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt

**Branch Chief** 

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/25/2017 5:03:34 PM

To: Barber, Anthony [Barber.Anthony@epa.gov]
CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Region 10 VERA VSIP Business Case

That's correct- **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**And yes, the level you describe, w/o names and in PowerPoint would be appreciated. Thanks! DH

From: Barber, Anthony

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 12:27 PMTo: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>Subject: RE: Region 10 VERA VSIP Business Case

Hi Debbi,

Sure. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:23 AM

To: Barber, Anthony <<u>Barber.Anthony@epa.gov</u>>
Cc: Hunt, Loretta <<u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: Region 10 VERA VSIP Business Case

Tony- Can you please forward us R10's current org chart? Thanks! Debbi

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From: Lindsay, Nancy

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:06 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >

**Cc:** Pirzadeh, Michelle < <u>Pirzadeh. Michelle@epa.gov</u>>; Opalski, Dan < <u>Opalski. Dan@epa.gov</u>>; Barber, Anthony

<Barber.Anthony@epa.gov>; Dalrymple, Anne <Dalrymple.Anne@epa.gov>; Harmon, Russell

<harmon.Russell@epa.gov>

Subject: Region 10 VERA VSIP Business Case

Debi,

Attached please find Region 10's business case for the agency's VERA/VSIP. We appreciate the opportunity to participate. If you need any additional information, please contact Region 10's Acting HCO, Tony Barber, at (503) 326-6890.

Thank you,

Nancy Lindsay R10 ARA

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/25/2017 4:57:25 PM

To: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]; Willig, Jeanine [willig.jeanine@epa.gov];

Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: V/V Information

Attachments: Region 6 Leadership Org Chart.pdf; R6 VV Justification (Final).docx; R6 Workforce Numbers for HQs.xlsx

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From: Gray, David

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 12:00 PM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Coleman, Sam <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; McDonald, James

<McDonald.James@epa.gov>; Hill, Troy <Hill.Troy@epa.gov>

Subject: V/V Information

Sam is traveling today and asked that I forward this information to you. Please let us know if you have any questions.

**To:** Parker, Gary[parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Kuhns,

Jason[Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Fri 5/19/2017 8:10:49 PM

**Subject:** FW: Workforce Reshaping follow up OLEM VERA VSIP Major Themes FINAL.xlsx

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From: Smith, Susan

**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 4:06 PM

**To:** Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna @epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Simon, Nigel < Simon. Nigel@epa.gov >; Breen, Barry

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Subject: RE: Workforce Reshaping follow up

Dear Donna,

In response your request below, please accept OLEM's **estimate** of V/V positions targeted/max offers across major themes and appropriations. We are still having discussions and may need to revise this estimate as we finalize our V/V request next week.

Please contact me at 202-564-6656 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

### Susan

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From: Vizian, Donna

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 3:57 PM

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Subject: Workforce Reshaping follow up

Hi Everyone,

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Enjoy the weekend.

Donna

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Sent: 4/10/2017 3:08:55 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Internal VERA/VSIP checklist
Attachments: VERA and VSIP Requests .docx

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From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 5:55 PMTo: Curtis, Lewis < Curtis.Lewis@epa.gov>Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>Subject: Internal VERA/VSIP checklist

Lewis,

I think I've captured the major areas of concern. Please review and provide feedback.

Thanks.

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From: Vaughan, Pat [Vaughan.Pat@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/26/2017 11:44:29 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Re: Question on VERA/VSIP - Payroll and Leave Estimates

Thanks Loretta. I guess we will gather the data.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 6:15 PM, Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov > wrote:

Pat, here's OCFO's response.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

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From: Terris, Carol

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 6:11 PM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Soward, Ruth-Alene <5oward.Ruth-Alene@epa.gov>;

Remmers, Janet < Remmers. Janet@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Question on VERA/VSIP - Payroll and Leave Estimates

Hi Loretta,

Yes we are working on this with a very limited set of contacts, and discussed the approach with Debbi Hart. We need to know costs for individual budget lines to plan for incentive and potentially annual leave. We know the lists are not yet final but can't get the funding placement done in time unless we start early. We also password protected each organization's list separately to protect confidentiality.

thanks

Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov] From:

5/24/2017 7:27:54 PM Sent:

To: Sanders, Amy [Sanders.Amy@epa.gov] CC: Breneman, Sara [breneman.sara@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Region 5 VERA/VSIP input

Got it Amy- thank you. WRT your business case, understood and you did warn me. We will let you guys know if we have questions. Debbi

From: Sanders, Amy

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:55 PM To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Breneman, Sara <bre> <bre> <bre> <bre> breneman.sara@epa.gov>

Subject: Region 5 VERA/VSIP input

Debbi,

Please find attached R5's VERA/VSIP input.

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Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process Please contact Sara Breneman with any questions/edits at 312-886-0243 or breneman.sara@epa.gov.

#### Thanks,

**Amy Sanders** Acting, Assistant Regional Administrator U.S. EPA, Region 5 Resources Management Division 77 W Jackson Blvd Chicago, IL 60604

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From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:45 PM

To: OHR PMOs <OHR PMOs@epa.gov>; RHRO <RHRO@epa.gov>

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Subject: FW: EPA Workforce Reshaping Information

Importance: High

All-

Just a reminder of what we are looking for in your VERA/VSIP submission.

Your office submittals will be compiled into one, agency-level VERA/VSIP proposal that will ultimately be submitted to OPM and OMB for review and approval. Your program or regional office must provide the following documentation to Debbi Hart, director, Policy, Planning and Training Divisions, no later than May 24, 2017.

- 1. **Two-page summary of your business case** (following the detailed instructions in the VERA/VSIP Business Case Checklist attached- do your best to keep the business case brief)
- 2. Completed Targeted Positions Template for your office (Excel file attached; remember that if you are identifying safe positions they should be noted with an asterisk (\*) in the targeted positions template; please see the attached FAQs for more details on safe positions)
- 3. **Current and proposed post VERA/VSIP organization chart for your office** (use PowerPoint; org charts should go down to the appropriate level to illustrate the organization's current and proposed organization)

Should you have questions, please contact Debbi Hart or Loretta Hunt- we love hearing from you.

#### List of Attachments

- 1. V-V Business Case Checklist Follow checklist to complete your two-page business case.
- 2. Targeted Positions Template Pre-populated with your office's V/V eligibility numbers; complete for your office Targeted Positions (columns F-S).
- 3. V-V FAQs (defines "safe positions" and provides other helpful information)

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From: Vizian, Donna

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 5:01 PM

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<gray.linda@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: EPA Workforce Reshaping Information

Importance: High

HI Everyone,

Following up on Mike's message, attached is the material to guide you through your workforce reshaping submission which should focus on your current organizational structure and achieving efficiencies. As we agreed, the first step will be for each NPM to work with the lead region to draft a proposal for their programs where appropriate. The submission should be no more than one page and sent to Debbi Hart with a copy to me by May 5<sup>th</sup>. OARM will compile this information and schedule a meeting for us to discuss. This does not prohibit a reshaping that is specific to your office.

The attached VERA/VSIP materials is intended to guide your submission of a brief, office-specific business case and a spreadsheet of your targeted positions. Remember that this time around we are looking to compiling all office-specific information into one agency-level business case. Specifically you must review the **VERA/VSIP Checklist** and follow the instructions there to complete your office's 2-page business case. You must also populate the **Targeted Positions Template** Excel file for your office (this spreadsheet is pre-populated with VERA/VSIP eligibility data for your office). The other attached files provide you with VERA/VSIP background information and guidance as you prepare your submittals (see listing and explanation below).

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Should you have questions, please contact me at (202) 564-4600 or Linda Gray, director, Office of Human Resources, at (202) 564-4606. Please have your staff contact Debbi Hart or Loretta Hunt.

Best, Donna

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- 3. VERA/VSIP Overview PowerPoint review for a quick refresh on V/V authorities and a description of this year's submittal process.
- 4. Guiding Questions suggestions for workforce reshaping drivers, skill set needs and other items to consider as you develop your business case.
- 5. Example Theme and Justifications an example theme focused on reducing the number of nonsupervisory, high-graded (i.e., GS 13, 14 and 15) positions and a listing of past V/V justifications.
- 6. VERA and VSIP Guides from OPM provide additional details on the two authorities.

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/19/2017 8:09:08 PM

To: Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Workforce Reshaping follow up **Attachments**: R5 VERA VSIP Themes.5-19-17.xlsx

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From: Sanders, Amy

**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 3:27 PM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Sypniewski, Bruce <sypniewski.bruce@epa.gov>; Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Breneman, Sara

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Subject: FW: Workforce Reshaping follow up

Donna/Debbi,

Please find attached our estimates using the required spreadsheet.

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Thanks,

Amy

From: Vizian, Donna

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Subject: Workforce Reshaping follow up

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Enjoy the weekend.

Donna

To: Torrez, Alfredo[Torrez.Alfredo@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Erickson, Amber

Wed 5/10/2017 5:28:12 PM Sent: Subject: RE: Additional V/V Questions

Hi Loretta,

Just wondering if you know the answers to any of our follow up questions? I know you're swamped so just a friendly reminder

From: Torrez, Alfredo

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 4:35 PM

**To:** Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Cc: Stevens, Robert <Stevens.Robert@epa.gov>; Erickson, Amber <Erickson.Amber@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Additional V/V Questions

Hi Loretta,

Thank you for talking with us today. I have some additional V/V questions for you:

- Are there any series, other than those identified in a business case/justification, that are not eligible under VERA/VSIP?
- Can we can the number of offers for each program office Ex. 5 Deliberative Process

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- Will/can the applications for buyouts be handled on a First Come First Served basis? I know for our two most recent V/V we based acceptance on the following:
- "Decisions about who receives VERA and VSIP will be made based on the employees' official service computation date (SCD)-LEAVE and OW's program needs. The total number of years with EPA will serve as the tie breaker. If necessary, the total number of years with OW will serve as a second tie breaker."

Alfredo Torrez, Associate Director and

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To: Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: OCSPP Workforce Reshaping follow up
Attachments: VERA VSIP Major Themes OCSPP 5.17.17.final.xlsx

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From: Wise, Louise

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 1:30 PM

To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Graf, Kate <Graf.Kate@epa.gov>; Morales, Oscar

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Subject: OCSPP Workforce Reshaping follow up

Donna and Debbi – Here is the spreadsheet for OCSPP. Enjoy your weekend!

From: "Vizian, Donna" < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>

Date: May 12, 2017 at 3:56:53 PM EDT

To: 2017HQfirstassistants <2017HQfirstassistants@epa.gov>, 2017Regionfirstassistants

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Subject: Workforce Reshaping follow up

Hi Everyone,

Following up on our Wednesday conversation, we reviewed the themes and combined the restructuring of non-supervisory positions and restructuring of supervisory positions into one theme. I am attaching the table of the revised themes. There are now 6. Our next step is to estimate the number of positions in the pool and number of offers we would accept by theme and appropriation. If you have a position that crosses multiple appropriations, please indicate as such by using the "Across Multiple Appropriations" column along with specific details in the "Comments" column. Please remember that this is an **estimate** to be used to show the potential outcome to the policy team. If the decision is to proceed, we will ask you to provide detailed information that will lead to your final number. Please complete the attached spreadsheet **by May 19**th and send it to Debbi Hart and me. Remember, you do not need to participate in every theme.

If we move to the implementation stage, the next step will be to complete a template for your office and identify positions in the pool. We will resend that information and Debbi will be available to assist your staff with completing the information. OARM would then use this information to develop one business case for the agency. We will also begin working on a communication plan should we get the green light to proceed.

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Enjoy	the	wee	ker	nd.
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Donna

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/26/2017 2:37:09 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Announcement of V/V - mass mailer from Mike

FYI—Mass Mailer on V/V to go out next week—timed with union notification.

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From: Cooper, Marian

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 10:34 AM

To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>; Carpenter, Wesley

<Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Announcement of V/V - mass mailer from Mike

Marian Pechmann Cooper Chief of Staff Office of Administration and Resources Management William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building-NORTH (3330) Washington, DC 20460 office number -- 202 564-0620 office fax -- 202 564-0233



From: Flynn, Mike

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Hull, George < Hull.George@epa.gov>; Sowell, Sarah < Sowell.Sarah@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian

<Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Coomber, Robert <coomber.robert@epa.gov>; Corbett, Krysti <Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>;

Reeder, John < Reeder. John @epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Announcement of V/V - mass mailer from Mike

Thanks Donna. I'll look at this weekend.

Mike Flynn

**Acting Deputy Administrator** 

On May 26, 2017, at 9:54 AM, Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov > wrote:

Mike, As we discussed last night, here is a draft of a mass mailer for you to send. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

### Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

<Flynn.V.V.2017.rev1.docx>

To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Parker, Gary

**Sent:** Fri 6/2/2017 12:58:57 PM

**Subject:** RE: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Can I get the document she sent, so I can verify that her numbers did not change, as she stated. Thanks.

Mr. Gary Parker

Branch Chief, Workforce Planning

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(M) Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 7:47 AM

To: Milton, Laura < Milton. Laura @epa.gov>

Cc: Badalamente, Mark < Badalamente.Mark@epa.gov>; Schulman, Marvin

<Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Thanks, we'll review and follow-up as necessary. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process we'll just have to see what OPM says about their inclusion. They may ask for additional information.

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Thanks for your help and guidance!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 11:35 AM

Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:06 PM

To: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov >

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >

Subject: FW: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

**FYA** 

Loretta L. Hunt

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From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:31 AM

To: Parker, Gary parker.gary@epa.gov>; Kuhns, Jason <<a href="mailto:Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov">Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov</a>>; Willig,

Jeanine < willig.jeanine@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >

Subject: FW: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Big 8!

From: Badalamente, Mark

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:14 PM To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov > Cc: Starfield, Lawrence < Starfield. Lawrence @epa.gov >; Milton, Laura <Milton.Laura@epa.gov> Subject: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials Donna and Debbi -Attached are OECA's materials to support our VERA/VSIP proposal. I also want to thank Debbi and Loretta Hunt for their great assistance (and patience) in entertaining our many questions and offering their sound guidance. I also want to reiterate the request I made at the last DAA brownbag that either the First Assistants or the Acting DAAs/DRAs be given an opportunity to review the submissions (including the proposed justifications) as a group to spot any cross-office issues or potential problems. Thanks, again! Mark Badalamente **Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management** Senior Resource Official (SRO) Senior Information Official (SIO) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance **US Environmental Protection Agency** William Jefferson Clinton Building Room 3235 South

Office: 202-564-4673

Mobile: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

<aLL LOCATIONS Targeted Positions Template VERA AND VSIP ALL no Cls.xlsx>

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/8/2017 5:58:40 PM

To: Coomber, Robert [coomber.robert@epa.gov]; Corbett, Krysti [Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: 2014 NTEU VERA/VSIP PDI Draft MOU

Attachments: EPA VERA VSIP MOU.pdf

Importance: High

Hey—I'm mining V/V materials and found this. Tossing it over in case it's helpful.

From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 6:14 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi <hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: 2014 NTEU VERA/VSIP PDI Draft MOU

Importance: High

Debbi,

Hi – Sharing if this is also helpful.

Regards,

Liz

From: Roberts, Suzanne

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 1:39 PM

To: Engebretson, Lizabeth J. < Engebretson. Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Ciccarello, Nancy < Ciccarello.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: NTEU VERA/VSIP PDI Draft MOU

Importance: High

To: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Schulman, Marvin

**Sent:** Thur 6/1/2017 10:07:16 PM

Subject: RE: Revised - Office of Water's VERA/VSIP Submission

Loretta – Do you have the document with their org chart? It wasn't included among the 3 attachments in the one you sent me

Thanks!

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 4:22 PM

To: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Revised - Office of Water's VERA/VSIP Submission

**FYA** 

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From: Torrez, Alfredo

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 12:44 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >; Parker, Gary

<parker.gary@epa.gov>; Kuhns, Jason <Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov>

Cc: Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>; Stevens, Robert

< <u>Stevens.Robert@epa.gov</u> >; Erickson, Amber < <u>Erickson.Amber@epa.gov</u> > <b>Subject:</b> RE: Revised - Office of Water's VERA/VSIP Submission
The Office of Water is submitting a revised VERA/VSIP submission to add GS-09/11/12 to the 0301 series. This change necessitated revisions to the following documents (attached):
•□□□□□□□□ Two-page narrative justification with budget information (budget information or maximum number of VSIPs did not change)
Changes
O Numbers of positions in the target pool on page 1 under the "Explanation of how VSIP will be used in conjunction with VERA" heading.
O Number of positions in the target pool in the table on page 2.
•□□□□□□□□ Attachment 1 – Targeted Positions and Maximum Number of VSIPs (added four to the 0301 target pool; the number of VSIPS per series/group did not change)
<u>Changes</u>
O Numbers of positions in the target pool in the 0301 series on page 1
o Total number of positions in the target pool on page 5.
• □ □ □ □ □ □ Attachment 3 – Targeted Positions Template (added four to the 0301 target pool; the number of VSIPs per series/group did not change)
Changes

- Numbers of positions in the target pool in the 0301 series
- o Total number of positions in the target pool

Changes were not required to attachments 2 or 4. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Alfredo Torrez, Associate Director and

**OW Program Management Official** 

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From: Torrez, Alfredo

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:00 PM To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

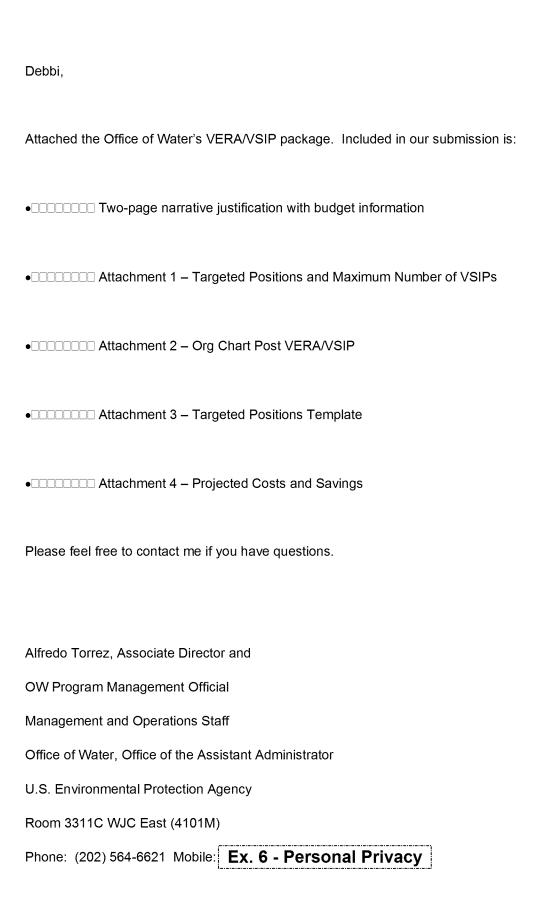
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Wong, Benita < Best-Wong. Benita@epa.gov >; OW Deputy Office Directors

< OWDeputyOfficeDirectors@epa.gov>; Robert Stevens < Stevens.Robert@epa.gov>; Tim

Fontaine < Fontaine. Tim@epa.gov >

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To: Milton, Laura[Milton.Laura@epa.gov]
Cc: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Schulman, Marvin

**Sent:** Thur 6/1/2017 9:48:56 PM

**Subject:** RE: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Yes, we can talk Monday

I need to touch base with Loretta re; the IT-IS positions.

Re reorgs, I would just mention that OECA anticipates that it may need to do some reorganizations to address refocused efforts post V/V

Have a great weekend

Marvin

From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 5:44 PM

To: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Can we please talk on Monday?

### Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Sent from my Windows Phone

From: Schulman, Marvin Sent: 6/1/2017 3:30 PM

To: Milton, Laura

Subject: RE: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Hey Laura -

Re: how would you like to have the eliminated/restructured positions further delineated (and where should that be reflected)?;

Please show the number of positions to be restructured in Column Q, in the row corresponding to that occupational series or location.

Re: was further information re the two 2210's identified as information security needed and, if so, what information do you need re these positions?;

Just a statement indicating that no info sec positions are among the 2210s targeted for V/V in the business case.

is there further guidance re the org chart?

What OECA submitted is not its org chart (The earlier email included a link to OECA's chart...you could use that for your submission.

(Sorry, I thought I'd sent this hours ago, didn't mean to let it sit here half-written)

Marvin

X7778

From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 10:52 AM

To: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Hi Marvin, I still wanted to follow up re the rest of the request for information: how would you like to have the eliminated/restructured positions further delineated (and where should that be reflected)?; was further information [Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process] identified as information security needed and, if so, what information do you need re these positions?; and, is there further guidance re the org chart?

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From: Schulman, Marvin Sent: 5/30/2017 4:40 PM

To: Milton, Laura; Hunt, Loretta; Badalamente, Mark

Cc: Parker, Gary

Subject: RE: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Hey Laura -

Let me look this over and I or Loretta will get back with you

Marvin

X7778

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Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:39 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta @epa.gov >; Badalamente, Mark

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Cc: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov >; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

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Subject: FW: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

Mark/Laura,

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Subject: OECA's VERA/VSIP materials

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Thanks, again!
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**Sent**: 5/19/2017 5:37:34 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: OAR Submission: Workforce Reshaping follow up

Attachments: OAR VERA VSIP Major Themes.xlsx

Big 1-0! (But a little 1.8% LOL)

From: Kutzke, Julie

**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 12:58 PM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Shaw, Betsy <Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov>; Dunham, Sarah <Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov>; Monroe, Scott

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Subject: OAR Submission: Workforce Reshaping follow up

Donna/Debbi,

I am forwarding you OAR's submission on behalf of Sarah Dunham and Betsy Shaw.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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Julie Kutzke

Office of Air and Radiation

From: Vizian, Donna

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 3:57 PM

To: 2017HQfirstassistants <2017HQfirstassistants@epa.gov>; 2017Regionfirstassistants

<2017Regionfirstassistants@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov >; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >;

Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>; Carpenter, Wesley <<u>Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov</u>>; DAA-Career

<DAACareer@epa.gov>; DRA <DRA@epa.gov>; ARA <ARA@epa.gov>

Subject: Workforce Reshaping follow up

Hi Everyone,

Following up on our Wednesday conversation, we reviewed the themes and combined the restructuring of non-supervisory positions and restructuring of supervisory positions into one theme. I am attaching the table of the revised themes. There are now 6. Our next step is to estimate the number of positions in the pool and number of offers we would accept by theme and appropriation. If you have a position that crosses multiple appropriations, please indicate as such by using the "Across Multiple Appropriations" column along with specific details in the "Comments" column. Please remember that this is an **estimate** to be used to show the potential outcome to the policy team. If the decision is to proceed, we will ask you to provide detailed information that will lead to your final number. Please complete the attached spreadsheet **by May 19**th and send it to Debbi Hart and me. Remember, you do not need to participate in every theme.

If we move to the implementation stage, the next step will be to complete a template for your office and identify positions in the pool. We will resend that information and Debbi will be available to assist your staff with completing the information. OARM would then use this information to develop one business case for the agency. We will also begin working on a communication plan should we get the green light to proceed.

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Enjoy the	e weekend.
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Donna

From: Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 4/12/2017 7:26:59 PM

**To**: OHR PPTD PAB [OHR\_PPTD\_PAB@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Copy of New OMB Memo **Attachments**: OMB Memo (M-17-22).pdf

Is attached

Marvin

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 3/23/2017 5:21:21 PM

**To**: Smith-Starckey, Tracye [Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov]

CC: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hembrey, Cheri

[Hembrey.Cheri@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Final OIG VERA-VSIP Report Update

As mentioned/requested at our management meeting yesterday, below is an update on the status of our V/V OIG audit. Please let me know if there are questions. Thanks! Debbi

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From: Roach, Tim

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>
Subject: Final OIG VERA-VSIP Report Update

Good morning Debbi,

Our final report will be issued by the end of the month. It's been a long process and I thank you for your time and assistance. We updated the final report with the last bit of information you sent, plus what we received from OW. As always, feel free to call or send an e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tim R.

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/8/2017 5:18:35 PM

To: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: How to organize the V/V information

Attachments: VSIP request template FINAL.pdf; VERA request template FINAL.pdf; EPA Prog and Reg Business Cases 6-5-17.docx

Importance: High

As discussed. Please see VSIP template-- in particular item 8. Would it be best to submit our targeted positions template or use their version?

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Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 12:59 PM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John < Showman. John@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: How to organize the V/V information

Importance: High

Per discussion, please look at the Word file attached which contains a table of contents showing how we would

structure our agency business case.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:41 PM
To: Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart, Debbi@epa.gov</a>

Subject: FW: How to organize the V/V information

REMINDER

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From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 6:55 PM
To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >

Subject: How to organize the V/V information

Importance: High

Debbi,

I think we should complete OPM's VERA and VSIP forms and then attach:

- 1. Regional/Program Business Cases/Budget Info (one document)
- 2. Targeted Position Spreadsheet
- 3. Org Charts (one file?)

I'm afraid if we try to put the cases together by theme it will take too long and be confusing. We can address the themes and the agency's desire to reduce/consolidate/restructure positions to realize efficiency in the OPM forms.

Let me know what you think.

OPM forms and draft business case document attached.

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/19/2017 5:19:43 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Workforce Reshaping follow up - R7

Attachments: R7 VERA VSIP MajorThemes.xlsx

Jason tells me this is #9.

From: Brincks, Mike

**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 12:36 PM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>; Flournoy, Karen <Flournoy.Karen@epa.gov>; Krehbiel, Ben <Krehbiel.Ben@epa.gov>

Subject: Workforce Reshaping follow up - R7

Hi Donna and Debbie,

R7 estimate attached.

Thanks,

Mike

From: "Vizian, Donna" < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>

Date: May 12, 2017 at 2:56:53 PM CDT

To: 2017HQfirstassistants <2017HQfirstassistants@epa.gov>, 2017Regionfirstassistants

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Cc: "Hart, Debbi" < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>, "Parker, Gary" < parker.gary@epa.gov>, "Hunt, Loretta"

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Subject: Workforce Reshaping follow up

Hi Everyone,

Following up on our Wednesday conversation, we reviewed the themes and combined the restructuring of non-supervisory positions and restructuring of supervisory positions into one theme. I am attaching the table of the revised themes. There are now 6. Our next step is to estimate the number of positions in the pool and number of offers we would accept by theme and appropriation. If you have a position that crosses multiple appropriations, please indicate as such by using the "Across Multiple Appropriations" column along with specific details in the "Comments" column. Please remember that this is an **estimate** to be used to show the potential outcome to the policy team. If the decision is to proceed, we will ask you to provide detailed information that will lead to your final number. Please complete the attached spreadsheet **by May 19**<sup>th</sup> and send it to Debbi Hart and me. Remember, you do not need to participate in every theme.

If we move to the implementation stage, the next step will be to complete a template for your office and identify positions in the pool. We will resend that information and Debbi will be available to assist your staff with completing the information. OARM would then use this information to develop one business case for the agency. We will also begin working on a communication plan should we get the green light to proceed.

Two other things: I am attaching FAQs for your information and below is information on "safe positions."

OPM's revised VSIP template addresses safe positions (attached, pg. 2, first paragraph):

The agency's targeted population chart, "... may include additional categories of employees beyond those whose positions are directly targeted for elimination/restructuring (i.e., positions that are not the main focus for reduction/restructuring/elimination, but which are included in the VSIP offering only to the extent that they may provide a placement for an employee whose position will be reduced/restructured/eliminated.)

The "safe position" option assumes the employees who remain would meet the qualifications for the "safe" positions. "Safe positions" do not have to be restructured if vacated. OPM recognizes that VERA and VSIP are voluntary attrition authorities and that not every employee in a targeted position is able/wants to retire and/or resign. As with other federal workforce restructuring authorities (e.g., RIF), the agency has the ability to reassign employees to minimize the impact of its restructuring efforts.

The use of MP procedures would negate the purpose of designating a "safe position" since: the agency would be unable to limit the area of consideration to just employees whose positions were targeted for restructuring/elimination; and management has the right to select or not select from a group of certified eligibles. Also, it could be perceived V-V is being used to move people out in order to promote others.

Enjoy the	weekend.
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Donna

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 3/22/2017 7:39:46 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Workforce Reshaping RIF **Attachments**: Workforce Reshaping RIF.docx

FYI—this is John's rework of the RIF piece Arron updated. Thought you might need it.

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From: Showman, John

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 1:49 PM **To:** Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Helm, Arron <Helm.Arron@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Workforce Reshaping RIF

This is what Arron/Debbi sent with the V/V info. I changed to reflect OARM (vs SSC/ERD).

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 4/5/2017 4:24:00 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: EMC Follow-up

Hey—we will need to pull out the Toolkit to see what can be helpful beyond what we already pulled together.

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 10:13 AM **To:** Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>

Cc: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian < Cooper. Marian@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda

<gray.linda@epa.gov>; Carpenter, Wesley <Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: EMC Follow-up

We have the V/V eligibility reports for each program and regional office.

We can also look through ALL the related info we have in out V/V toolkit to find relevant guidance for folks. We can pull items and share with you in advance. DH

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2017, at 9:44 AM, Showman, John <<u>Showman.John@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

I think Debbi and Jason have been preparing the individual reports for programs and regions. If they are ready we should try and get the info out early next week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2017, at 9:41 AM, Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

No date specific but folks are anxious

On Apr 5, 2017, at 9:33 AM, Cooper, Marian < Cooper. Marian@epa.gov> wrote:

As a result of the VERA/VSIP discussion at the EMC yesterday, Donna agreed to send the EMC members a template and data for each organization. I have attached what may have been the template we used in 2013.

Donna – did you commit to a date when they would receive this information?

Thanks, Marian

Marian Pechmann Cooper Chief of Staff Office of Administration and Resources Management William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building-NORTH (3330) Washington, DC 20460 office number -- 202 564-0620 office fax -- 202 564-0233  $<\!\!EPA\ VERA\text{-}VSIP\ Template\ Rev.doc}\!\!>$ 

Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov] From:

5/16/2017 10:39:30 PM Sent:

To: Peabody, Hitch [Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov] CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: Workforce SES Position

Attachments: R9 V-V Request 12-20-13 2of2.pdf; R9 V-V Request 12-20-13 1of2.pdf

### Hello Hitch-

We are having a fair number of VERA/VSIP discussions these days and realize that bc some folks are asking about targeting SES positions, you might well get queried for how that works in your role as the acting director of ERD. So, attached is an example of a V/V business case that did target SES positions—I think it's the only example I've seen and be aware that OPM provides extra scrutiny on these! Loretta also provided the link to OPM guidance on SES allocations below for your reference. Please let us know if you'd like to discuss further. Thanks. Debbi

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From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 6:25 PM To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Workforce SES Position

Debbi,

It was R9. Business case: position was abolished and the slot was returned to the agency for reallocation.

Also, OPM's guidance on SES allocations can be found on pg. 4 of the <u>SES Guide</u>.

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